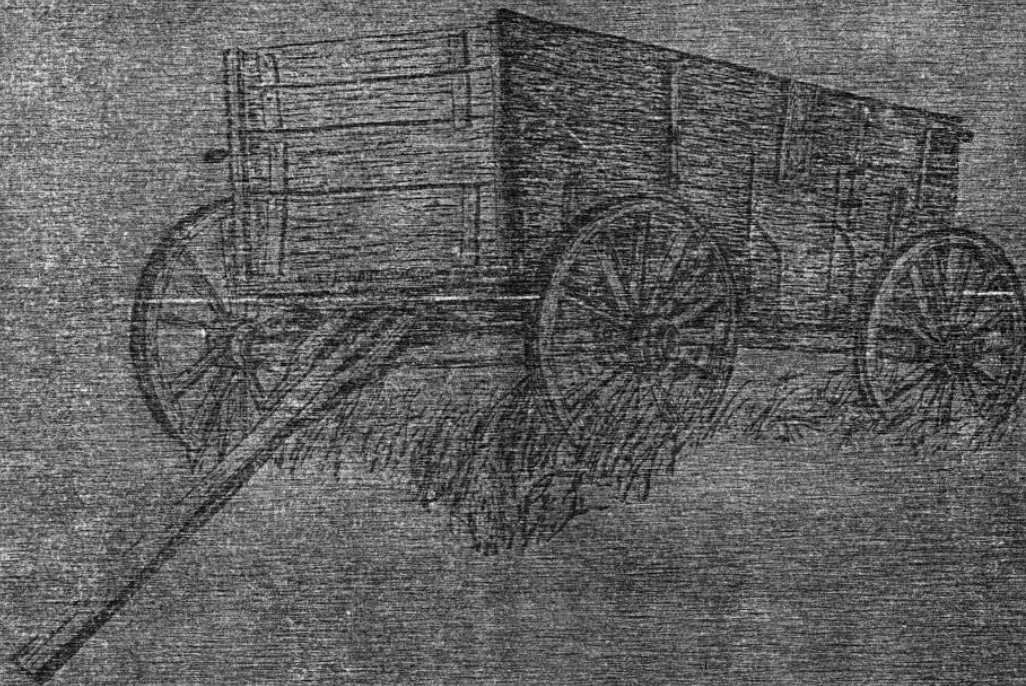


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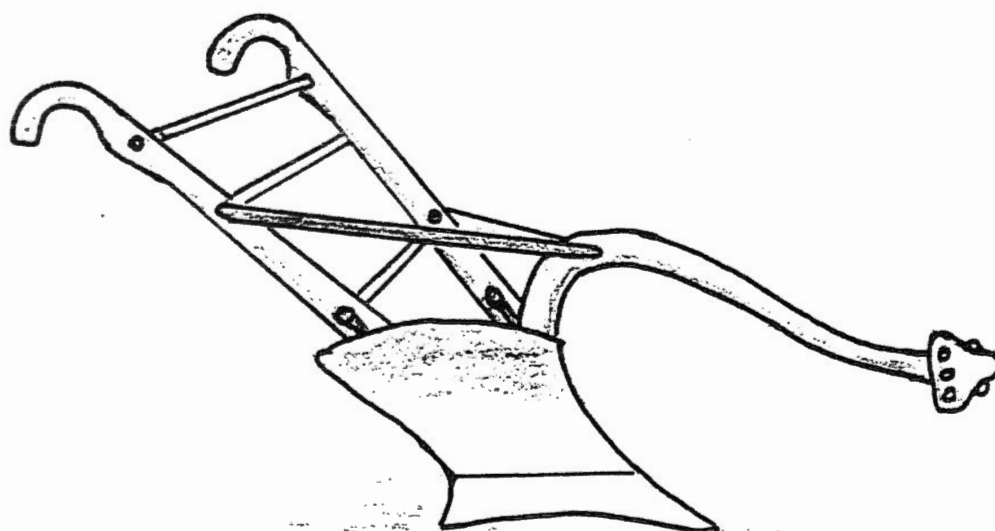


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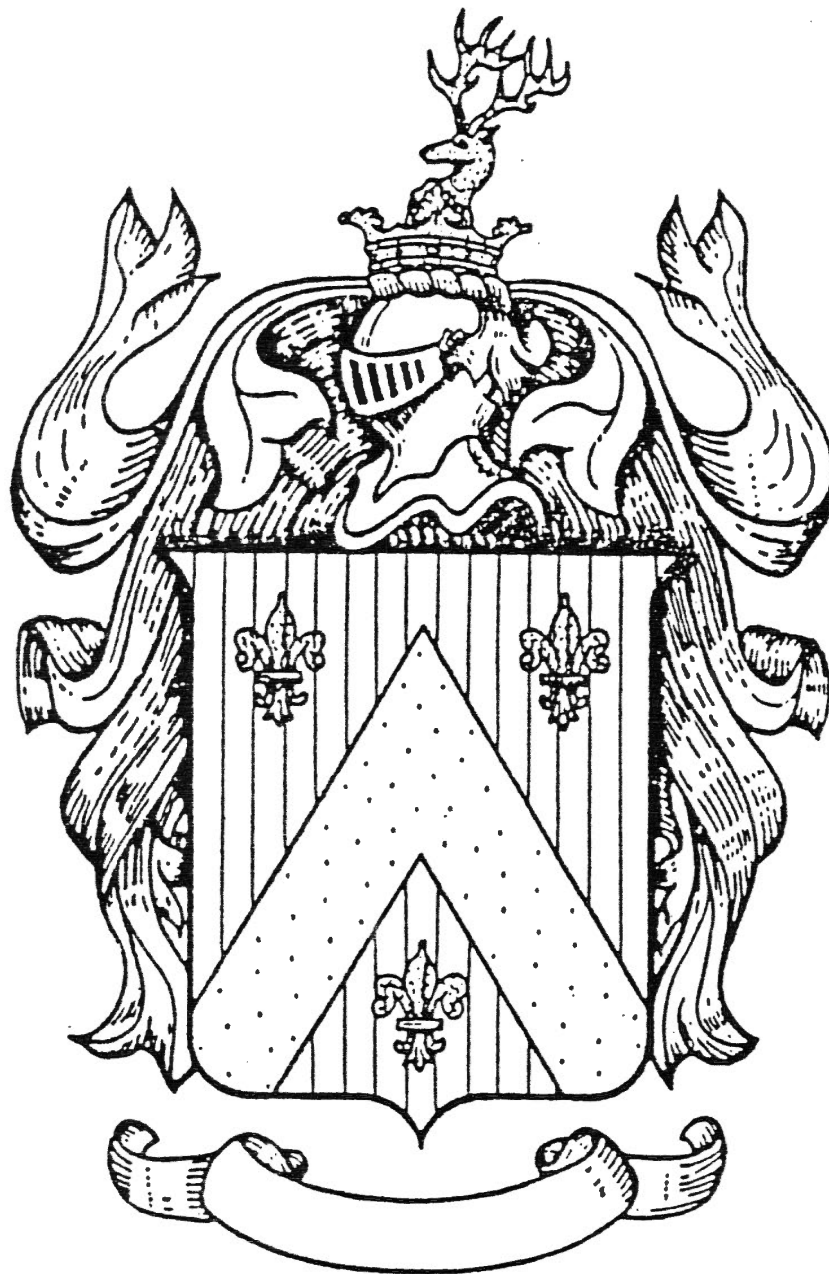
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Coat of Arms



Stennett

Historiography

The Stennett Coat of Arms illustrated in the frontispiece was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Stennett Coat of Arms can be found in Burk's General Armory, p. 958, under the variant Stennitt. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language:

The Arms (shield) is as follows:

"Gu. a chev, betw. three fleur-de-lis."

When translated the description is:

"Red: a gold chevron between three gold fleur-de-lis."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest described as:

"Out of a ducal coronet a stag's head."

A translation of of the Crest description:

"Out of a gold ducal crown, a gold stag's head."

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A motto was not recorded with the Stennett Coat of Arms.

THE STENNETTS IN AMERICA

TO THE READERS OF THIS BOOK:

This is the first edition of THE STENNETTS IN AMERICA. In it I intended to record research materials, assumption, and conclusions, historical and other information that I have accumulated during the course of my research. All this material is very important and should be considered as background information to any subsequent books that may be written or published.

Research will continue in order to try to bridge the gap between America and England. I consider this edition to be an unfinished book. I hope my American genealogy is correct. Because I have made some conclusions based on what seems to be should logic, but not recorded proof, some of them could be in error.

I hope that each reader will read all of it with the idea of reaching their own conclusions and opinions on its contents. Constructive opinions, additional records, and handed down verbal notes and ideas and beliefs will be helpful and appreciated. Even small tid bits of data may be important.

I have had considerable research done by others because I could not go there myself. I am disappointed that I did not receive enough information to complete a genealogy on recorded proof.

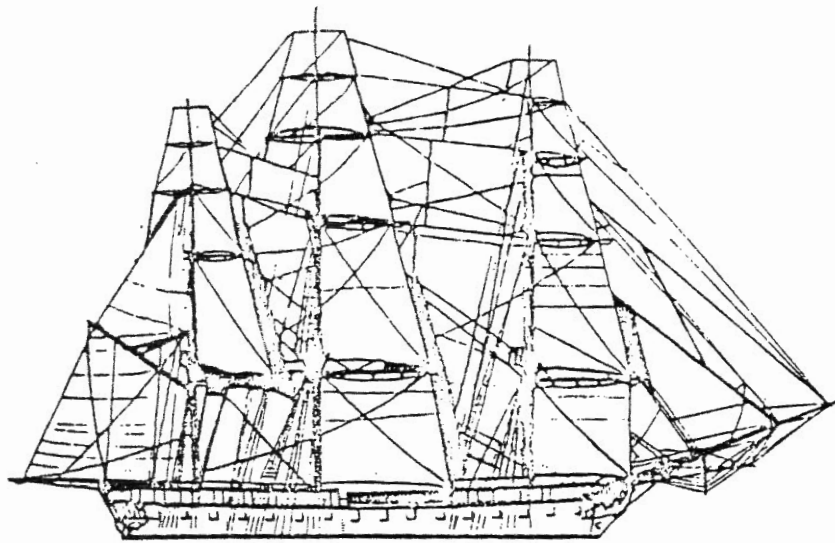
This book will be concerned mostly with reporting of facts and information on family history. It will not have the reading appeal, as a novel. So the only plot to this story will be to get a direct line of ancestors. I hope that you enjoy it.

Frank S. Stennett
Frank S. Stennett

P.S. I have not considered a time table for a final book.

I dedicate this book to the present and future
generations of Stennetts, and their kin.

Whom I urge to be sure to leave
good tracks for future generations.



The First Family
Stennett

having arranged for transportation to the new lands in America, did embark in a ship of the seas, sturdily built to withstand the TransAtlantic voyage of 3000 miles.

The Good Ship
"Sea Venture"

did embark with passengers and cargo from Europe and after a period of weeks, the vessel put into port in America

1661
Captain in Command: *John Almy*

The family is shown to be the first of the surname to arrive in America. The name is found in old records and logs of the ship's departure and arrival. Conflicts in Europe forced many families to seek new and safe domicile. Carrying few of their possessions with them, they came to this new land where they hoped to find a better life. The name is in the list of early pioneers of America.

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CHRONOLOGY

- ..1590 "An Hundred Heavenly Thoughts" published by William Stennett in Lincolnshire.
- 1607 Founding of Virginia by English colonists to fetch treasure and enjoy religious, happy rule.
- 1619 First shipload of 20 Negro slaves arrived in Virginia.
- 1620 Voyage of Mayflower carrying pilgrims who welcomed the opportunity of "advancing gospel... of Christ in those remote parts of the world".
- 1623 Settlement of New Netherland as a trading post by the Dutch West India Company.
- ..1630 Edward Stennett born, probably in Lincolnshire.
- 1630-1640 Puritans migrate to New England to establish a government of freedom and worship.
- 1634 Lord Baltimore founded Maryland as a refuge.
- 1642 Outbreak of English Civil War and decrease in migration to colonies.
- ..1647 Edward Stennett in the Civil war on the side of Parliament.
- 1649 Passage of Maryland Toleration Act, extending toleration to all bodies professing Trinitarian belief.
- ..1654 Mary Quelch marries Edward Stennett.
- 1654 First Jewish immigration reaches America arriving in New Amsterdam fleeing Portuguese strife.
- 1660 Settlement and emigration officially discouraged by the government of Charles II.
- ..1661 William Stennett arrives in America on the Sea Venture, captained by John Almay, (the first documented Stennett on these shores).
- ..1663 Joseph Stennett born, Abingdon, Berkshire.
- 1670 Settlement of the Carolinas by English courtiers anxious to promote national self sufficiency and wealth.
- 1681 Founding of Pennsylvania by Quakers and Penn.
- ..1682 John Guill his wife Susanna and children John, Jane, Susan, and Martha move to England from France.
- 1683 First German settlers, Mennonites reach the new world arriving at Pennsylvania.

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Cronology

- 1685 Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which had guaranteed religious toleration, by Louis XIV ending growth of religious tolerance in France leads to arrival of Huguenots in South Carolina.
- ..1685 Joseph Stennett moves to London.
- ..1685 The Guills, visiting in France had a harrowing exit from France following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.
- ..1688 Susanna Guill marries Joseph Stennett.
- 1697 Royal African Company's monopoly of slave trade ends as slavery business expands in New England.
- 1717 Act of Parliament legalizes transportation to colonies as punishment. thirty thousand convicts and rebels shipped to Virginia and Maryland.
- 1718 Large scale Scots-Irish immigration begins.
- ..1720 ca Benjamin Stennett arrives in Maryland.
- 1730 Colonization of Virginia valley by Germans and Scots.
- 1742 Parliament enacts Naturalization Act to encourage Jewish immigration to the American Colonies.

OTHER HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The maritime interests of England in the beginning of the 1600's was concerned with exports and imports of merchandise. Passengers were an incidental part of the journeys and ships were not built to accommodate travelers.

Up to the end of the 17th century, the ship that crossed the Atlantic was about the size of the Mayflower and Arbella. Few reached 300 tons. Since these were primarily trade ships, they were well caulked and dry.

As far as we know, the only possible space for passengers was between the stern and the forecastle or between the decks. Below this was the cargo hold. Quarters were hollowed out storage compartments strung with hammocks. Often a ship was fitted with special accommodations for the gentry as was the Arbella, the flagship of the Winthrop Fleet.

Although a great deal has been written about these early pioneers leaving their homes because of some religious oppression, the true motives which solidified their decision to emigrate was financial. The average colonist was indifferent to theological pronouncements. Economic distress in the British Isles was the result of the system that siphoned any money from its tenants and was the prime reason for migration to America. The opportunity to own land was more important than religious liberty.

Cronology

The journey across the Atlantic fell into three parts. The first was the journey across the country, often Ireland and Scotland to reach the port of embarkation in London, Cowes, Yarmouth, or elsewhere. The small ships that transported the immigrants were obliged to pass several customs houses and toll stations which often detained the people for days and weeks. When these small vessels arrived in the English ports there was further delay for examinations and inspections before transferring to the larger ship.

The second stage of the wait was at the English port as the passage was booked on the trade ship that was to make the crossing. The delay was further prolonged as the captain waited for favorable wind. In the mean time, the passengers spent their time wondering what lay ahead.

The third stage of the journey on the ocean was marked with hardship. The passengers were densely packed in their quarters with little fresh water and food. They were subjected to illness and disease. Storms aggravated their misery aboard ship. It is understandable that so many who were unprepared for such difficulties, did not survive the journey. When they at last reached port, they were faced with paying their fare. Many became indentured to the captain for their fare and were obliged to work off their debt.

Land was free. The emigrant was a free man to work out his own destiny and problems in the new land.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b.	born	bur.	buried
bap.	baptised	s(/)	son (of)
m.	married	d(/)	daughter (of)
c.	child(ren)	f.	father
d.	died	m.	mother

Beginning with Benjamin Stennett born ca. 1700, each known individual who survived is given a number which indicates his/her descent by generation from Benjamin.

e.g. Wendy Jean Harrington (1-2-1-1-11-10-2-1)

- 1- 1st generation, Benjamin Stennett Sr. (1)
- 2- 2nd generation, 2nd child William Stennett (1-2)
- 1- 3rd generation, 1st child William H. Stennett (1-2-1)
- 1- 4th generation, 1st child William E. Stennett (1-2-1-1)
- 11- 5th generation, 11th child Willis Stennett (1-2-1-1-11)
- 10- 6th generation, 10th child Frank Sylvan Stennett (1-2-1-1-11-10)
- 2- 7th generation, 2nd child Martha Joy Stennett Harrington (1-2-1-1-11-10-2)
- 1- 8th generation, 1st child Wendy Jean Harrington (1-2-1-1-11-10-2-1)

A short note about dates and footnotes:

Dates from various sources are sometimes in obvious conflict ie.

Mary Ann E. (Waldrop) (1-2-2-3-4)¹

b. Feb. 26, 1864
m. Tom Waldrop
d. 1884

If you refer to the footnote (at the bottom of the page) you will see that all of the supplied data does not agree. When a choice like this occurs the one which seems most valid is used. Footnotes will often give sources or conflicting data.

¹Louise Honeycut Thurmond lists Mary Ann's death date as Feb. 26, 1864

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THE STENNETT NAME

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Stennett appears to be patronymical in origin, and is believed to be associated with the English and Welsh, meaning "the son of Steven". Different spellings of the same surname are a common practice, and spellings of Stennett may be found as Stennitt, Stenett, Stennetts, and even Stinit and Stenit among other spellings. The Stennett name in England was well established in Lincolnshire in the 1400's.

Information available indicates that in 1972 there were less than 350 heads of households in the United States with the Stennett name. The United States Census Bureau in 1970 estimated that there were 3.1 persons per household, which means that about 1085 people in the United States bear the Stennett name. In comparison, some common family names are shared by over two million people.

Stennett means a descendant of Sten - a pet name form of Stephen - meaning a crown of garlands. In addition to what is included in the Coat of Arms, this information was found by Lucille Stennett (my wife) when she was searching for the origin of her maiden name "Otte".

Mrs. Harris reported some names in Tennessee spelled "Stennett" and some not. Benjamin Stennett, born 1792, a brother of William Hightower, had his name spelled "Stennett", but William's name was Stinnet. Somehow our name survived with the same spelling as the English ministers. Even William Hightower's name was spelled "Stennett", or essentially so, in the 1820 and 1850 census. There must have been Bible records passed on with the "Stennett" spelling. It is possible that William did learn to read and write after he got married, if he did not know how before. Possibly, his wife, Elizabeth taught him. With that Southern brogue I can understand how the name was spelled with an "i" for the "e". When asked "What is your name?", they replied "Stinnet", for Stennett. I am grateful that "Stennett" has survived. Those who use other spellings no doubt sprang from the same root as we did, but somehow along the line they lost the "Stennett" spelling.

Reason would lead to the conclusion that all Stennetts, Stinnetts, and all other variations, sprang from the same ancestor. If we could trace the genealogy to the original source when surnames replaced the use of coats-of-Arms, Crests, Shields, etc, when we would have been "Sons of Stephen".

Once birth, baptismal, and Bible records became the established means of individual identification and recording. A method of passing on genealogical records was possible. Even though, in those eras of time when few persons could read and write, those vital records could be used to document the arrival of new generations, by those who could write.

Our minister ancestors in England provided records that survived those generations in America that may not have been able to read or write.

It is common in genealogical research to find many corrupt spellings. France, Germany, The Netherlands, and Scandinavian nations have been sources, not by written record, but from hand down stories, the accuracy of which may be questioned.

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A letter, dated February 7, 1985 from Elva Trammell¹ says in part:
"My father's ancestor, Benjamin Stinnett came from France to fight for America's Independence (to Williamsburg, Virginia)" "Benjamin's sons were Benjamin and William. William and wife Abigail Poindester (Poindexter) went to Athens, Limestone County, Alabama in the early 1800's They established "Stinnett Hollow" and raised 15 children. He became the largest land owner in the county, and had 32 slaves."

Robert Lee Stennett mentioned in his writings that our ancestors came from Germany.

Information received from my brother Lloyd, who visited with Cecil Stennett, Sacramento, CA, said that Cecil thought "they were basically dutch" and his ancestors settled in Pennsylvania and established a town or village called Stennettville. They abandoned the name because people thought they were Dutch and that didn't set well with them.

¹Eva Trammell, Rt, 3, Box 129, Lindsay, OK 73052 (a Stennett before marriage)

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RECOGNITION

Information for this book was obtained from many sources and people. It is my intention to record the sources of information and the contributions of people throughout this text. Also see the Bibliography. Lest I overlook one or leave one out, I give thanks to all those who have contributed materials or ideas and assisted me in preparing the materials for this book. I wish to give special recognition to my daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Allen Harrington who not only inspired the idea of undertaking this task, but have contributed greatly in time, talent and information.

A word of recognition for the frontispiece is appropriate. It was obtained from Helen Stennett Vance.

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THE AUTHOR

Frank S. Stennett was born February 3, 1913, at LaKemp (LaKamp) in the panhandle of Oklahoma. LaKemp does not now exist. Its site is now marked by a small sign. It was located near the Texas state line, generally north of Booker, Texas, the nearest town on today's atlas. Beaver is the County Seat of Beaver County where this trading post was located.

I am the tenth of eleven children in the family of Willis Stennett, born April 29, 1868 in Jasper county, Mississippi, and Mary Ida (Norris) Stennett born July 12, 1874 in the community of Bezer, Smith County, Mississippi.

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THE START OF THINGS

A book about the Stennetts in England is being worked on by Martha and Allen Harrington. (Martha is the author's daughter). The Stennetts in America is concerned primarily with the genealogy and history of one Stennett tree branch, which is that of William E. Stennett, born 1816 in Tennessee. However the genealogy and history will tie into other branches of the tree as well as the main trunk. I hope eventually to trace the tree to the English ancestors. There are many Stennetts in America. All of those of the white race probably trace back to England. In that respect we are closely or distantly related. The name has been spelled, or misspelled, in various ways such as Stennett, Stennit, Stinnett, Stinnet, Stennette, etc. in U. S. Census and other public documents. Most of the deviations in spelling came about because the early settlers did not know how to read or write.

INFORMATION FROM AN OLD STENNETT BIBLE IN LOUISIANA 1979

The earliest Stennetts I have record of was Edward Stennett, D. D., a Chaplin in Cromwell's Army. During the restoration he served a time in jail with John Bunyan while he wrote "Pilgrims Progress". The record also shows that he earned most of his expenses by practicing medicine.

Joseph Stennett I, a son of Edward, a successful London teacher and song writer too, a "fluent preacher with a silvery voice", held a D. D. Degree from a college in Ireland.

Joseph II, a son of Joseph, held a D.D. Degree also. He was Pastor at Exeter and Little Wild Street, Lincoln End Fields, England.

Samuel Stennett, D. D. 1727-1795, was a song writer. "Majestic Sweetness" and thirty-four other Hymns, and was a political advisor to George III, King of England.

Joseph III, D. D., a son of Samuel, "The last of the preaching Stennetts" prepared and published three volumes of his fathers writings on "Personal Religion", came to America in the early 1700's and settled in Virginia. His son Benjamin Stennett, 1792, moved to Tennessee. Benjamin Merritt Stennett, a son of Benjamin, born in Tennessee, moved to Mississippi, Tishomingo County. A son of Benjamin Merritt, Hightower Stennett, moved to Jasper County and settled just a short way from this place. The old Stennett Spring is there yet with the same old gum curbing in it. I've drink water out of it several times. There is where Grandpa was born and reared. His named was Willis, called "Wiss". One of his brothers, William, was called "Bill".

Grandpa enlisted at Carlandsville, I remember him saying that. I have it in the old Confederate records somewhere. William Stennett, his brother, enlisted at Pauling.

John Bridges Stennett, 1877-1958, a son of Willis Stennett, moved to Louisiana in the early twentieth century."¹

¹This is a copy of some information in an old Stennett Bible.

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Old Stennett Bible

The idea of preparing this book to record the genealogy and history of my ancestors was inspired by Lela Silva (nee Stennett) at Riverbank, California about 1979. This information was supposedly taken from the old Willis, called "Wiss", Stennett bible, my great uncle!

I have not found anyone who has access to the old Bible so that a copy of the original entries could be obtained. I did get information from living relative, by phone, that is a descendant of Willis, called "Wiss". Her name is Neva Sorey Laseter.¹ She said that the Bible record may have been written long after the death of Willis and his father and mother. He must have had incomplete information, or a poor memory, or both.

With the Bible record in hand it appeared that it would be easy to prepare a direct line of descent and ascent, and a history of the Stennetts in America and England. But it has not turned out this way as will be seen in the discussion that follows.

Surely that Bible record would be quite accurate. But a close examination reveals several discrepancies.

The Old bible is essentially correct about the English Stennetts.

First: Joseph III was a son of Samuel. The old Bible states that he came to America in the early 1700's. Samuel was born 1727. If we assume he was 20 years old at the time of Joseph's birth, and Joseph was 20 when he came to America, then the earliest that he could have arrived would be 1767, not early 1700's.

Second: If Joseph came in the early 1700's, he would have been born around 1700. He could not have sired Benjamin, born 1792.

Third: Benjamin was born 1792. William E. Stennett was born 1816, only 24 years after Benjamin. Therefore Benjamin Merritt, born Sept. 24, 1828 and his son Hightower cannot be father and grandfather of William.

If our ancestor arrived in the early 1700's he would have been born around 1700, or earlier. There would be at least one generation between him and Benjamin 1792.

The English genealogy has been found to be correct. It must have been handed down from English records through the generations, but our American ancestors were not. Thus, it seems that who ever wrote the American genealogy was as confused as I am. It appears that he filled the gap without research.

Before going on I want to record that Allen and Martha Harrington have found that Joseph, son of Samuel, lived and died in England. He did not come to America and settle in Virginia. They also have discovered dates that go with the English ancestors as follows: William ca. 1572; Edward-born 1630; Joseph I, 1663-1713; Joseph II, 1692-1758; and Samuel, 1727-1795.

¹ Her address is P.O. Box E, Morton, MS. 39117

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Old Stennett Bible

Having discovered and discussed the discrepancies in the Bible record, I wonder what part of it is correct, as pertaining to the American record. I hope that my research will correctly establish a direct line of ancestors.

I discovered from information that I received from Mrs. Lester E. (Maureen) Crow,¹ Prentice County, which was formerly a part of Tishomingo County, that Benjamin Merritt (Marion) was indeed a son of Benjamin, 1792, and Hightower was his son. Her information gives the date of Benjamin's birth as September 24, 1828 which was taken from Stennett Bible record. The complete information which I received from Mrs. Crow, including a Will probate of Benjamin 1828, and a War of 1812 record of Benjamin 1792 will be made available to anyone of that ancestral line.

It is possible that the first ancestor to come to America did come in the early 1700's. But he was not Joseph, a son of Samuel!

So this is the starting point in the search for the ancestors of William E. Stennett, born 1816 in Tennessee.

It is unfortunate that none of the living relatives of William and Willis can resolve this problem either from the written or handed down records. It is also unfortunate that I did not take an interest in my ancestors while my parents were alive. Answers to questions and problems discussed could have been obtained. But the children of all those big families did not seem to take that kind of interest either. The families were too busy making a living. However, I do remember some family talk about a Northern and Southern migration from the original settlements in Maryland and Virginia. Supposedly two brothers came at or near the same time. Their descendants, were those who migrated to Illinois, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Handed down information indicates that a Hightower Stennett was a father of William, Willis and Simmie (Simeon). Hightower's full name was not given in the Bible record. Cousin Coulvart Stennett,² who is a descendant of Simeon said that he remembered his grandfather speak of a William Hightower as being the father of these three brothers. One of the sons of Simeon was named Hightower. One of the sons of William E. was Benjamin Hightower.

If any reader has information or records on the ancestors of these brothers that is not reported in this book, please contact the author so that it can be included.

The most likely connection between England and America may be Benjamin Stennett, Sr. Joseph Stennett had a son Benjamin who died as an infant. Joseph wrote a poem entitled "On the Death of My little Benj. an infant", also Joseph had a brother named Benjamin. In those times it was common to name another child for a special one that had died. Therefore I think that Benjamin Stennett, Sr. born ca. 1700 in England is probably a son of Joseph and Susanna Stennett of London, England.

¹ 1102 Elm Street, Booneville, MS 38829

² Rural Route 3, Box 279, Laurel, MS

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The English Stennetts

EDWARD STENNETT

Edward, born in 1630, was probably the son of William Stennett. He was disowned for being on the wrong side in the English Civil War. He was a Brasier (Brass worker), then a physician. He married Mary Quelch of Oxford in 1654. He was a Seventh Day Baptist (SDB) minister at Wallingford during the time when it was illegal to be a dissenter. He served time in prison. He wrote several books and sent several letters to the SDB church in Newport, Rhode Island. Edward and Mary's children were: Jehudah an eminent physician and an SDB minister; Benjamin, a valuable minister; Joseph Stennett, born 1663; Mary ? who married William Morton of Naphill and Hannah who died in 1695.

AN

EPITAPH

ON HIS

FATHER AND MOTHER,

Mr. Edward and Mrs. Mary Stennett

Here lies an holy and an happy pair:
As once in grace, they now in glory share:
They dar'd to suffer, but they fear'd to sin;
And meekly bore the cross, the crown to win:
So liv'd, as not to be afraid to die;
So dy'd, as heirs of immortality,

Reader, attend: tho dead, they speak to thee;
Tread the same paths, the same thine end shall be:¹

¹ Joseph Stennett, WORKS, London 1732, IV, p. 274.

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JOSEPH STENNETT

Joseph Stennett I, M. A. was born at Abingdon in 1663. He had an outstanding education for a dissenter. He went to London in 1685 to become a teacher. In 1688 he married Susanna Guill, who came from France in 1682. He became the minister of Pinners' Hall Seventh Day Particular Baptist church which, he was called the "Silver-Tongued". His sermons were widely distributed. Queen Anne read one of his sermons and ordered a gratuity paid to him out of the privy purse (her personal income). He died in 1713. Many of his sermons, hymn poems and other writings are in his WORKS published in 1732. His greatest contribution are said to be his hymnology and leadership in the Baptist church resulting in political action and interchurch cooperation. Of his family we have few names, at least three children died young. Two of them were Benjamin and George. Of the four children that survived him only Edward and Joseph Jr. are known.



Portrait, from the frontispiece of
WORKS (1732), by Virtue.

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Sacred to the Memory

Of JOSEPH STENNETT,

A very eminent Divine,
Who was adorned with an excellent understanding and extensive learning;
Who was endowed in early life with so great a degree of piety,
That it is difficult to say, whether he was most eminent for religion or learning.
He was very conversant in sacred literature,
And discharged most assiduously every part of the sacred function.
He endeavored to adorn his Christian profession by upright life;
With scarcely less diligence in his own example,
Than by study and eloquence to gain the approbation of others.
He studied to recommend, as well in preaching as in his writing,
The chaste and pious muse.
He employed himself in the praise of divine love, and of the great Redeemer,
In the celebration of sacred things in which he excelled by the rules of art.
But tho' he devoted his attention principally to heavenly objects,
It was not to the total neglect of things earthly.
At one time he discovered a persuasive elocution in the presence of his prince;
And at other times he vindicated in his writings
The cause of liberty and the public rights.
he also discovered great modesty in what related to himself,
And embracing in the arms of love all good men.
But he was by no means to be diverted from what he apprehended to be the truth.
As contained in the sacred oracles,
Being rather confirmed in them.
He was born A. D. 1663, at Abingdon, in the county of Berks.
He came to London in 1685,
where after three years he married Susannah Guill
Who was descended from pious and respectable parents,
Her father from France,
Relinquished considerable property on the score of religion
After this, in 1690, he was chosen to the pastoral office
Over a flock of sentiments congenial with his own.
He continued with great circumspection to feed and watch over them,
Till at length, being worn out with the weight of cares, studies and labors,
He bid adieu to life, and slept quietly in Christ,
July 11th, 1713, in the 49th year of his age.
leaving a widow and four children.

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ANOTHER SIX DAYS

I

Another six days work is done,
Another sabbath is begun;
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest,
Revere the day thy God hath bless'd.

II

But weep that thou hast done no more
In this, and many weeks before,
For him whom thou art bound to praise
On working and on resting days.

III

If common actions ought to tend,
To praise him as their common end;
How should his glory be design'd
In every thing of sacred kind

IV

For servile work six days are given;
For sacred use but one in seven:
When for my work God gives such time,
Shall I begrudge a day to him.

V

Lord, one in seven's too much for me;
And fix too little seems for thee:
My time, my all besides, is thine;
Nothing, no not myself, is mine.

VI

Nothing I properly could claim,
As truly mine, but sin and shame:
This guilt thou hast remov'd; and given
Thyself, thy son, thy grace, thy heaven.

VII

My soul with grateful ardor burns,
My God, to make thee some returns:
Well may I render thee thy own;
Well mayst thou reap where thou hast sown.

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VIII

This grateful soul by thee redeem'd
This holy time by thee esteem'd
And what I am or have beside,
What I can give or thou provide,

IX

I offer all, my God, to thee:
If thou accept both mine and me,
I'll praise thy grace, the name adore,
And wish to offer I had more.

X

O that my thoughts and words may rise
As incense to propitious skies;
And fetch from heaven that sweet repose
Which but he that feels it knows.

XI

This heavenly calm, within the breast,
Is the dear pledge of glorious rest,
Which for the church of God remains,
The end of cares, tains,
The end of cares, the end of pains.

XII

With joy God's wondrous works I view,
In various scenes, both old and new:
With praise I think on mercies past;
With hope, of future pleasures taste.

XIII

In holy duties, let the day
In holy pleasures pass away;
How sweet a sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end!

XIV

Till I am so divinely blest
I'll love this weekly day of rest;
And still when days of work begin
Remember there's no time for sin.

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XV

Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns
So sweet a rest to wearied minds;
Provides an antepast of heaven that sweet repose
And gives this day the food of seven.¹

The following is an account, from the Guill Family Bible, of the escape from France after a visit from England by the George Guill Family, Joseph Stennett's wife's family.

On Thursday, October 11, 1685, French style, we set out from Tours, and came to Paris on Monday the 15th of the said month. On the 17th came out the king of France [Louis XIV] his declaration to drive out the Protestants, who had notice in Paris in four days, which falling out the 21st was just the day whereon our places in the waggon for Calais were retained; and the day before I was warned by letters from Tours, by several friends, that upon false accusations I was sought out by the Intendant, and other magistrates; and that they had written to the Chancellour of France to send after me and arrest me: But it pleased God, that immediately after his signing and sealing the declaration for the open annulling of the Edict of Nantes, he [not the king; perhaps the Chancellour] fell sick and died, while we were on our journey. So I have extraordinary occasion to take notice of god's providence towards me and mine in such eminent dangers, out of which he hath miraculously saved us.

¹Last verse found in 16th Edition, A Selection of Hymns Edited by John Rippon.

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JOSEPH STENNETT II

Joseph Stennett II D. D. was born at London in 1692. He married Rebecha Davies in 1714 at Radnage. After several short ministries he went to Exeter where he served for eighteen years. in 1737 he became the minister at Little Wild Street Church in London which he served until his death in 1758. Several children survived him including Samuel and Joseph III who served a life long ministry at Coate.

SAMUEL STENNETT

Samuel Stennett D. D. was born at Exeter in 1727. In 1747 he became his father's assistant at Little Wild Street Church. He was voted the full pastorate in 1758 and served thirty-five years there. Between 1763 and 1785 he also served part time as minister for a Seventh Day Particular Baptist at Curriers' Hall. Samuel was Influential with king George II. He wrote many poems, books and hymns, some are still in use. His WORKS were published in 1824. Samuel and his wife Elizabeth had three children: Hailey, died about 1757; Elizabeth who married Edward Phillips of Bath; and Joseph Stennett IV, M. A. was born at London about 1758. In 1798 he accepted a call from Coate till 1810 then he went to Calne till 1824.

MAJESTIC SWEETNESS SITS ENTHRON'D

I

To Christ, the Lord, let every tongue
Its noblest tribute bring:
When he's the subject of the song,
Who can refuse to sing!

II

Survey the beauties of his face,
And on his glories dwell;
Think of the wonders of his grace,
And all his triumphs tell.

III

Majestic sweetness sits enthron'd
Upon his awful brow;
His heads with radiant glories crown'd
his lips with grace o'erflow.

IV

No mortal can with him compare,
Among the sons of men:
Fairer he is than all the fair
That fill the heavenly train.

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V

He saw me plung'd in deep distress,
He flew to my relief;
For me he bore the shameful cross,
And carried all my grief.

VI

His hand a thousand blessings pours
Upon my guilty head;
His presence gilds my darkest hours,
And guards my sleeping bed.

VII

To him I owe my life, and breath,
And all the joys I have:
He makes me triumph over death,
And saves me from the grave.

VIII

To heav'n, the place of his abode
He brings my weary feet;
Shews me the glories of my God,
And makes my joys complete.

IX

Since from his bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give,
Lord, they should all be thine!

Boswell said of a quotation in a review of Samuel Stennett's Discourses on Personal Religion in Critical Review¹; "There are few more beautiful pieces of writing than this."²

London, January 1770.

James Boswell London Magazine, "The Hypochondriack - On Death", Nov. 1778.

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65 Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned

ORTONVILLE

Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795

Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

1. Ma-jes-tic sweetness sits enthroned Up-on the Sav-iour's brow; His head with
2. No mor-tal can with Him compare, A-mong the sons of men; Fair-er is
3. He saw me plunged in deep distress, He flew to my re-lief; For me He
4. To Him I owe my life and breath, And all the joys I have; He makes me
5. Since from His bounty I re-ceive Such proofs of love di-vine, Had I a
radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace o'erflow, His lips with grace o'erflow.
He than all the fair That fill the heavenly train, That fill the heavenly train.
bore the shameful cross And car-ried all my grief, And carried all my grief.
triumph o-ver death, And saves me from the grave, And saves me from the grave.
thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine, Lord, they should all be Thine. AMEN.

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MARYLAND

The State record had the first Stennett ancestor coming to America and settling in Virginia. I interpreted that to mean that he first settled in Virginia after arriving. But my research has led to the conclusion that he was in Maryland before finally settling in Virginia.

To give some idea of the history of the times in which this family lived, a brief history of Maryland is included here.

The territory now comprising the states of Maryland and Delaware was granted to George Calvert, first Baron Baltimore, by British King Charles I in 1632. Lord Baltimore died before a royal charter was issued. The charter was granted to his son Cecil Calvert, second Baron Baltimore, in 1632. Lord Baltimore, a Catholic, founded a colony where freedom of worship was established without persecution which was not possible in England. Cecil, adhering to his father's plan organized an expedition which sailed from Gravesend in November, 1633. It was under the command of Leonard Calvert, a second son of George. Of the 200 odd colonists who arrived in March 1634, probably more than half were Protestants. A settlement called Saint Mary's was found on the peninsula between the Potomac and Patuxet Rivers. On January 26, 1635, the first assembly of freemen of the settlement met at Saint Mary's.

The right to initiate laws was conceded to the people in 1638, with Lord Baltimore retaining power of veto.

Friendly relations with the Indians were established initially. But, later there were Indian wars.

A bitter quarrel was provoked by William Claiborne, a Virginian, who had established a trading post on Kent Island, in Chesapeake Bay in 1631. Claiborne would not recognize the authority of Lord Baltimore which precipitated a feud. In 1638 his settlement was seized.

In 1643 a company of Puritans, excluded from Virginia for religious non-conformity, founded a settlement called Providence. Present day Annapolis is located there.

Because of the Great Rebellion in England, which began in 1642 many more Puritans arrived in the colony. A Parliamentary force occupied Saint Mary's in 1645. Claiborne regained possession of Kent Island. About two years later Governor Calvert, who had taken refuge in Virginia regained his authority in Maryland.

In 1650 Anne Arundel County was established, compromising the Puritan Settlements. Shortly afterwards Charles County was organized for the benefit of the Puritans. The influx of Puritans continued. They became the dominant force in the colonial assembly.

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In 1652 representatives of the English Commonwealth, including Claiborne and leaders of Anne Arundel County assumed control of the colony. Kent Island was officially returned to Claiborne and penal laws were enacted against the Roman Catholics. Civil warfare ensued with an abortive attack on Providence in March 1655 by Baltimore supporters.

Lord Baltimore's title to the colony was recognized, in 1657 by Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England and a proprietary government was re-established.

Charles Calvert, son of Cecil, became Lord Proprietor in 1675. He provoked much unrest with his undemocratic and Pro-Roman Catholic policies. He had boundary disputes with William Penn in 1685 and lost what is now Delaware in the disputes.

Following the English revolution of 1688 and the deposition of James II, Protestants under the leadership of Captain John Goode seized power in the name of William III and Mary, the new British monarchs. In 1691 Charles Calvert, the Lord Proprietor lost all of his political power.

In 1715 proprietary government was again established under the fifth Lord Baltimore, a Protestant. Under this regime all sects were tolerated except Roman Catholics, who were denied the franchise and forbidden to worship in public places.

The boundary dispute with Pennsylvania was finally adjudicated between 1763 and 1767 by British surveyors Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, which was known as the Mason and Dixon line.

Maryland emerged as a center of resistance to British policy in the prerevolutionary War period. In 1774, following the royal tax on tea, Maryland patriots burned a tea ship. A popular convention was organized to direct the revolutionary movement. In November 1776 the convention adopted a constitution, supplanting the proprietary government.

During the War of 1812 the British burned Havre de Grace, Frenchtown, and other communities. However, a British army was turned back at Baltimore, and in September 1814, Fort McHenry, the key bastion to the city, withstood a severe bombardment by the British fleet. In the course of this battle Francis Scott Key wrote The Star Spangled Banner.

Maryland was a slaveholding state. Eastern and southern counties favored secession and northern and western counties did not. The state stayed with the Union. But many of its citizens joined the Confederate Army. The only battle in the state occurred at Sharpsburg, September 1862, known as the Battle of Antietam.

A new constitution was established in 1864 abolishing slavery and disenfranchising all those who aided the Confederacy. This was so unpopular that the constitution was changed in 1867, which is the present one.

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VIRGINIA

The colony was first settled at Jamestown in 1607. On July 30, 1619 the first representative assembly in America met. In the same year, the first negro slaves were introduced. By 1620 the population of the colony had reached 4,000, including slaves, and some petty convicts sent over by the King. In 1624 Virginia became a Royal Colony. Although Indian massacres occurred in 1622 and 1644, the colony prospered with the growth of the tobacco industry. By 1648 the population was about 15,000.

Charles II encouraged slave trade, and gave vast grants of land to court favorites. Control of the government was in the hands of a small privileged class consisting of the older families, and Governor Berkley. Their refusal to send troops to protect the frontier from Indians precipitated a popular uprising led by Nathaniel Bacon, which was successful until his death in 1676. Governor Berkely regained control and took severe measures against his opponents, executing 23. Charles II remarked "That old fool has hanged more men in that naked country than I have done for the murder of my father." (Charles I was captured by Cromwell's Army and was executed. Edward Stennett may have been a chaplain in Cromwell's Army.)¹ This rebellion was regarded as the forerunner to the American Revolution.

The Charter of 1609 gave Virginia an area 400 miles wide, 200 miles north and south of Point Comfort and west to the Pacific Ocean!

During the prerevolutionary period Virginia was a strong leader of the resistance to England. Patrick Henry's famous speech in opposition to the Stamp Act was delivered to the House of Burgess in 1765. Three of his five resolutions against taxation without representation were adopted. In June 1775 a mob drove the Royal Governor to refuge aboard a ship. George Washington was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. Patrick Henry was elected to head the Virginia forces. Other Revolutionary leaders from Virginia included Jefferson, Henry, Lee, and Mason.

Our ancestor settled in what is now Amherst county in the rolling, hilly country of the Appalachian mountains which consists mostly of the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains. The highest elevation in the state is Mt. Rodgers, 5719 feet. But the agricultural lands occupy the lower valleys and plateaus. These farm lands in the higher elevations are somewhat colder than the Piedmont Plateau and coastal lands. Rainfall is about 40 inches per year.

Most of this state was originally covered with native forest and shrubs of various kinds. In the coastal area the principal trees were pine and birch along the streams. Other indigenous plants included holly, alder, wisteria, trumpet vine, myrtle, cranberry, wild yam, and wild rice. The Dismal Swamp in the southeast corner of the state has cyprus and sweetgum and blackgum forests.

¹ See the Start of Things,
² See Works of Joseph Stennett, 1734; London: biography of J. S., p4

³ The part Mr. Edward Stennett took in the Civil Wars, being on the side of the Parliament, exposed him to the neglect of his relations: and afterwards to many difficulties.

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In the higher elevations the plant life consists mostly of hardwoods, walnut, hickory, chesnut, with oak predominant. Pine, hemlock, wild cherry, and poplar, as well as flowering shrubs of mountain laurel, rhodendron, and azalea are common.

The animals were deer, elk, black bear, wildcat, opossum, raccoon, squirrel, muskrat, rabbit, skunk, and fox, with an abundance of fowl, including turkeys. Fish were plentiful also.

The first settlers found the area was inhabited by Indians. The land was covered by trees and various shrubs and other vegetation which would have to be cleared before crops could be planted. History tells of the problems with the Indians as the settlers encroached upon their hunting grounds. I shall not expand upon this subject other than to say it was an important concern of the settlers for the safety and piece of mind. It was one of the many hardships of pioneer life.

After a clearing was made, log cabins and barns were the first built out of the native timber. The cabins were small at first, but were built so that they could be added to as the family increased. Next began clearing the land of trees and brush. The trees were probably girdled so that they would die and let in the sunlight so that crops could be grown until the trees were cleared. There were no power saws, only axe and perhaps a hand saw with which they were expert craftsmen.

Agriculture in those days was primitive compared to today. Their major concern was to produce enough food for home use and to sell enough to buy what they could not raise. Hopefully enough cash was left for other expenses and necessities. There was ample game and fish to supplement the farm produce and make some outer clothing from skins. Trapping could bring in some extra cash from sale of furs and hides.

Horses, mules and oxen supplied the power for the farmer, if he could afford to buy one, or a team. A single bottom plow was used to turn the soil. Home made implements could be devised to prepare a seed bed, if a peg tooth harrow was not available. Seeding was done by hand. The hoe was the tool used for weeding, thinning and cultivating crops such as cotton and tobacco. Another hand tool, the scythe, was used to cut hay and small grains. The wheat and oats were brought to the threshing floor and were threshed by flailing (beating with a wooden implement or beating against the floor). Corn was cut by hand, and put in large shocks to dry. Later the ears were snapped and put in a crib. The shucks were used for various things such as mud mats at the door, mattresses, and feed for stock. Corn needed for the family was taken to the mill and made into meal and grits. The balance of the corn was fed to the livestock or sold. Tobacco and cotton became important cash crops. Cotton and flax were home spun into yarn and made into clothing, bedding, and other home uses.

Clearing the land was a slow process. This was often a neighborhood project where farmers helped each other on a work exchange basis. After the trees were removed and burned, the big job of removing the stumps remained. This could be done only by hand digging and root cutting. Then the holes were filled. Imagine, if you can, what happens when the land is plowed and the plow strikes a tree root that has not been removed. Whatever beast is pulling the plow is pulled backward from

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the impact, likely stepping out of the traces. The farmer is propelled into the new. There would likely ensue a bit of "farm language" that was not used in the presence of women and ministers.

Farming was a way of life rather than a job. The family was a governing body in itself. The husband and father was the head of the household, and was responsible for the business decisions, providing for the necessities of the family and together with the wife and mother provided for the educational, social, religious opportunities and activities. The wife was responsible for the management of the home, cooking, cleaning, sewing, weaving, raising children, raising garden, tending chores, etc.

Imagine a two room cabin with a path (to the outhouse) instead of a bathroom. Imagine also having to go to the outhouse on a cold, cold morning. There was no roll of toilet paper either. There was no plumbing or electricity in the house. Radio, television, telephone were still in the far future. The central heating system was a fireplace and maybe a stove if they could afford one. Most of the furniture and beds were hand made. Feathers were saved for making mattresses and bedding.

Every farm had a smokehouse where meats were smoked. Meats were also preserved in salt brine and lard. Butchering was a family project. Land was used for cooking, and making soap. The farm produced milk, cheese, butter, eggs, poultry, meat, garden and fruit produce. Fish and game added to the table fare.

Going to town by wagon or buggy, if one could be afforded, was a rare occasion. It was an all day, or maybe two day affair.

Along with the vagaries of weather, pests, diseases and predators, and the hard work for all members, the families were fortunate just to survive, unless they were owners of large plantations with slaves to work the land, where the family could live in the style of the aristocrats of that time.

We know that our ancestors survived along with the young nation of the United States of America. But it was not without trials and problems for the young nation. The Revolutionary War left the nation nearly destitute. Inflation was rampant then also. Getting a sound banking and monetary system had not emerged with the signing of the Constitution. We are very fortunate that our nation had wise, dedicated leaders at such a critical time in our history. A strong national union established, as opposed to individual states with a weak union. Individual and religious freedoms were a large factor in our success in becoming a strong and prosperous nation.

We owe so very much to those strong, wise leaders, as well as the pioneers who ventured into the new lands as they were opened for settlement. Some of the pioneers were our ancestors.

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THE FIRST AMERICAN ANCESTORS

James Stennett

- m. Ann
- c. James
John

Benjamin Sr. (1)

- b. ca. 1700, prob. England
- m. Elizabeth Sanders, on or before 1731
- c. Benjamin Jr. (1-1)
 - b. ca 1733-34, MD or VA
 - m. Usley Isham, 1761.
 - c. Benjamin (1-1-1)
 - b. 1761-65, Va.

William (1-2)¹

- b. before Oct. 21, 1764, VA.
- c. William H. (Hightower) (1-2-1)
 - b. 1788, VA
 - m. Elizabeth Bynum
- Benjamin M. (1-2-2)
 - b. 1792, VA
 - m. Elizabeth Ann Matthews
 - b. 1801.

Susanna (Childerss) (1-3)

- b.
- m. John Childerss

I have not found recorded information to bridge the gap between England and America in order to prove who the first ancestor was that crossed the Atlantic and came from England. The data required to identify the ship, port of entry, port of embarkation, or date of passage have not been located. I will leave to others the challenge of helping to find recorded proof of this first ancestor to cross the Atlantic.

¹As there is no date for Susanna Stennett Childerss' birth. William and Susanna's order may not be accurate. If William is (1-3) then all subsequent numbering needs to be altered!

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The Diary of Isaac Backus Volume III, 1786-1806 is the following entry: Feb 2
came 8 m. and preacht in the town of Hallifax, (Virginia) on Roanoke
which the late rains raised very high. Hallifax is a considerable trading
post, in which I met with a nephew of Dr. Stennett's¹ of London.²

The first recorded Stennett family to cross the ocean was a William Stennett, who
came to Maryland in 1661 on the good ship Sea Venture, John Almy, Captain. Two
documents prove this. "Passenger Immigration Index, 1982 Supplement"³ and "The
Early Settlers of Maryland".⁴

James and Joan Madden, Western Springs, Illinois (a Chicago Suburb) also confirm
this record. They are important contributors of information. I will refer to them as
Madden. Joan Stennett Madden is a descendant of James Stennett.

"The Early Settlers of Maryland" states that "William Stinnett was transported to
Calvert County at an early date (1661 already established above). The name
Stinnett indicates that he was Huguenot in origin, Estennette meaning the son of
Stephen, or Stevenson in Old French. He received a grant of land in Hunting Creek
hundred called Stinnett's Ramble. He left his son, John Stinnett, who in turn had a
son John Stinnett, who had a son John Stinnett, listed in the tax list of 1733,
living in Hunting Creek Hundred. This John Stinnett was a planter, and owned a
number of slaves. He was succeeded by his son, also named John Stinnett whose
name appears on the tax list of 1782. The latter was followed by his son William,
listed in the census of 1800. He was a planter and owned numerous slaves. The
Stinnett family has continued to reside in Calvert County. The family is still
represented by present day descendants of William Stinnett, the founder of the
family."⁵

William Stinnett was transported from England in 1661, or about 20 years before
the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Huguenots began emigrating after the
Revocation. It seems some of the Virginia Stennetts (Stinnetts) got this idea of
Huguenot background in the 1830's and they added an "e" to the end of the name
making it more French."⁶

Dr. Samuel Stennett (1728-95) was the son and grandson of prominent Seventh Day
Baptists ministers in England. He succeeded his father as pastor of the church at
Little Wild Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, in 1758 and himself became prominent and
widely influential. He corresponded with Backus, Manning, and other prominent
American Baptists; contributed books and money to Rhode Island College (Brown
University); and in 1771 helped persuade the king to disallow the Ashfield Law.
Stennett was a well known as a hymn writer, and he published a number of tracts
and sermons. DNB, 54:150; Rippon, 2:380-93; Seventh Day Baptists, 1:101-2, 2:1392;
Manning, pp. 71, 158-163, 166-69, 244, 362-68.

The Diary of Isaac Backus edited by William G. McLoughlin, Brown University Press,
Providence, p. 1245

The Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia

James Aordas, Published in 1968. Found at The Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg,

Calvert County Land Records and Lists, pg. 319.

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Some of the Stennetts found in Calvert County are: Joseph and Sara 1700; and William 1704; also a William, born 1730.¹ William 1730, I believe to be a son of William 1704. This is the only Joseph found in research. Is he the Joseph found in the Bible record? Maybe the maker of that record thought so and assigned Samuel as his father. I think not. He could not be a son of Joseph II, 1692 - 1758, who is the son of Joseph I, 1663 - 1713. Research shows that Joseph, son of Samuel, lived and died in England.² The Joseph, 1700, found in Calvert County, Maryland probably is a descendant of William 1661, as well as William 1704, who is also his descendant as I determine from research. I assume from the records that the dates given for Joseph 1700 and William 1704 are birth dates.

I found a William Henry Stennett mentioned as a friend of Thomas Claiborne 1704-1735, who was Clerk of Stafford County, Maryland.³ So, this William must have been born about 1704 at the time of Thomas Claiborne, and he is the same one Madden reported in Calvert County records. This man is most likely a descendant of William 1661. He is not my direct line ancestor, as I will show later. Take note of the William Claiborne, who occupied Kent Island, mentioned in the history of Maryland. He is the grandfather (or great-grandfather) of the Thomas Claiborne mentioned here. The Stennetts remained in Calvert County until at least 1800.

There is not a complete lineage established from the William Stennett who arrived in 1661 to the Joseph 1700, and William 1704. There was probably one generation between the two Williams, who arrived in 1661. So he must have been born 1640 or earlier and would not likely father children born in 1700-1704.

¹ Madden extracted these from name cards index, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland, in Calvert County.

² Oscar Burdick The Stennett Family 1954, unpublished manuscript.

John Stanley, The Church in the Hop Garden London, Kingsgate Press, 1935

³ Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia, from "Old New Kent County, Some Account of the Planters, Plantation, and Places, in King William County, St. John's Parish."

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JAMES STENNETT

Land records from Albemarle County, Virginia records that James sold land February 19, 1749. He and Benjamin received patents June 1, 1750. Benjamin's patent is included in this Chapter. The second of James' patents is identical except for name and land description. I can furnish a copy of it to anyone who wants it.

Additionally James Stinnett and Richard Kent received a deed for 449 acres of land in Fairfax County, Virginia in 1744.¹ (Fairfax County as across the river from Washington, D. C.) Some words were very hard to make out, and I do not guarantee that I have chosen the right ones. As with all documents at this time the following was hand written.

JAMES STINNET & RICHARD KENT DEED NORTH NECK LAND GRANT Leber F
102. Fairfax County, Virginia.²

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THOMAS LORD FAIRFAX Baron of Cameron in the part of great Britian called Scotland Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, to all whom this writing shall come under GREETINGS, KNOW YE that for good cause for & in consideration of the composition for my use paid & for the annual rent hereafter reserved I have given, granted, & confirmed, & by these presents for me my heirs & assigns, Do give grant & confirm unto James Stinnet & Richard Kent of the County of Fairfax a certain tract of waste land in the County of Fairfax and bounded according to a survey thereof made by M. William West as follows: BEGINNING at a white oak marked E.S.R.K. standing in the lines of Colonel Carter & ???????? branch of Occoguan called the Horsepen branch, Thence S. 35 degrees W. one hundred fifty poles³, to a ????? hickory on a hillside corner to the Amington, Thence S. 31 degrees W. seventy nine poles to a red oak corner to Amington, Thence N. 42? degrees W. one hundred thirty six poles to a red oak on a high ridge corner to the Amington, Thence N. seventy six poles to a red oak to the Amington, Thence N. 25 degrees W. one hundred poles to a white oak, Thence N. 57 degrees E. two hundred sixty poles to a red oak in the line of Thomas Falkner, Thence along his line S. 55 degrees E. two hundred poles to the beginning. CONTAINING four hundred forty nine acres, Together with all rights members & appurtenances thereto belonging, Royalties Excepted, & a full third part of all Lead, Copper, Tinn, Coals, Iron mines & Iron oar that shall be found thereon. TO HAVE & TO HOLD these four hundred & forty nine acres of land TOGETHER with all rights profits & benefits to the same belonging or in any wise appurtenant, Except before Excepted, to them the P. James Stinnett & Richard Kent their heirs & assigns forever; they the P. James Stinnett & Richard Kent their heirs & assigns therefore yielding & paying to me my heirs or to my assigns, or to my certain Attorney or Attorneys, Agent or Agents or to the certain

¹ July 7, 1744 is the earliest date I have for James Stennett.
² From a hand written document as are all original sources in this book before 1896, as the first practical typewriter was developed then.
³ Pole. Old English term, It is equal to one rod or 16.5 feet - used in land measurements.

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space of two whole years after the same shall become due of lawfully demanded. THAT then it shall & may be lawfull for my heirs or assigns proprietors as afors'd my or their certain Attorney or Attorneys Agent or Agents into the above granted premises to RECEIVE & HOLD the same so as of this grant had never pass'd.

- Given at my office the County of Fairfax within my proprietary under my Seal.
- WITNESS my Agent & Attorney fully authorized thereto. DATED the seventh day of July in the Eighteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God of Great Britain, France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Four.

Sgd. T. Fairfax.¹

NOTE: Joan Stennett Madden's geanology branches here.

¹ Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

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BENJAMIN STENNETT

My interest in line ancestors starts with a Benjamin Stinnet whom I calculate to be born about 1700. Benjamin (Sr.) and wife Elizabeth Sanders were in Charles County, Maryland in 1731-1733 and that Benjamin was a house carpenter. The will of William and Alice Sanders gave one part of the estate to their daughter Elizabeth Sanders (and Benjamin) Stinnet. No record was found of Benjamin and Elizabeth Sanders in Charles County after 1733.¹

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CHARLES COUNTY
PORT TOBACCO, MARYLAND 20677
February 20, 1980

Jean Stennett Madden
212 Hillgrove
Western Springs, Illinois 60558

Dear Ms. Madden:

In answer to your letter dated January 12, 1980. I researched the will of William Sanders, planter, wife Alice, 1/2 of "Hazard" to daughter Elizabeth, husband Benjamin Stinnett. Etc. No deed reference was made.

AB9-254 Ch 8-25-1731.

I checked our land record index for the name sounding like Stennett, Stinit, Stennett, Sinnett, Sennett. I researched all references and Elizabeth Stinit is the only one pertaining to your information.

Reference M2 pg. 330 Ch 1733 for the following.

Between Benjamin Stinit of Charles County, house carpenter, and Elizabeth, his wife, one of the three daughters and co-heir of William Sanders and Alice his wife, the surviving heir of John Falkner late of Charles Co. deceased, of one part and John King of the second part.
Patented—1 June 1685 to John Falkner, named "Cheermans Purchase" 200 acres. No mention of the name "Hazard" in the deed. It appears to be the same land however, as mentioned in the Sanders will. So apparently Benjamin sold out to John King and left the county, as I can find no other reference to him.

Since the Patuxent River, separates Charles and Calvert Counties, which is wide at this section and only for a short shore line, I believe any patent given would be only in one county, in this case Calvert. Hunting Creek in Calvert Co. is opposite Prince George Co. At this point the river is very narrow. If you have not done so, perhaps research in Calvert and Prince George may be more fruitful.

I am sorry my time did not turn up more information for you. If I can be of any more assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,
George C. Dyson, President

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Apparently they sold their one part to John King who also received one part. This record is proof that Benjamin was in Maryland before settling in Virginia.

Since Benjamin was born about 1700, he could have been a son of Joseph I 1663-1713. This is the most likely tie in to the English ministers, but this is not proven.

Now I pick up the record of Benjamin Sr. and brother James in Virginia. Recorded proof is not available to prove that these two men were brothers.

FEBRUARY 19, 1749 JAMES STENNETT to Chas. Parks L. 17 2W 7a Huff Ck. Line Jno. Wheeler; Jno. Graves; Benj. Stinnett. Wits: Wm. Cabell Sr. and Jr.; Jas. Cabell.¹

Benjamin and James were in Virginia by 1749. Benjamin likely settled here soon after 1733 when his wife Elizabeth received her inheritance in Charles County, Maryland.

LAND PATENT FOR BENJAMIN STENNETT²

GEORGE the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith or TO ALL TO WHOM these Presents shall come Greetings. KNOW YE that for diverse and good Cause and Consideration but more especially for and in Consideration of the Sum of Forty Shillings of good and lawful money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia WE HAVE given, granted and confirmed and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors to give grant and confirm unto Benjamin Stennet one certain Tract or parcel of Land containing four hundred acres lying and being in the County of Albemarle near Tobacco Row Mountains on the north branch of Huff's Creek and bounded as followeth, to wit: Beginning at a Chesnut Oak and running thence South one hundred and eighty Poles to Pointers North East seventy two Degrees three hundred Poles to a Chesnut North West twelve Degrees two hundred and eighty three Poles to a white Oak and Chesnut Oak near the top of a small Mountain thence South West fifty one Degrees two hundred and ninety six Poles to the Beginning WITH ALL woods underwoods swamps marshes lowgrounds meadows feedings and his due share of all Veins Mines and Quarries as well as discovered and not discovered within the bounds aforesaid and being part of the said quantity of four hundred acres of Land and the Rivers Waters and Water Courses therein contained together with the Privileges of Hunting Fishing Fowling Hawking and all other Profits Commodities and Hereditaments whatsoever the same or any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining TO HAVE HOLD possess and enjoy the said Tract or Parcel of Land and all other the beforegranted Premises and every part thereof with these and every of their Appurtenances unto the said Benjamin Stennet and his Heirs and Assignes forever to the only use and behoof of of him the said Benjamin Stennett his Heirs and Assigns forever TO BE HELD of us our Heirs and Successors as of our Mannor of East Greenwich in the County of

¹ ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA: (Amherst County) Deed Book pg. 206. From The Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

² HENRY COUNTY, Virginia, Deed Book I, Adams.

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held in free and common Socage¹ and not in Capite² or by the Knight's Service³
YIELDING AND PAYING unto us our Heirs and Successors for every fifty acres of
Land and so proportionately for a lessor or a greater Quantity than fifty acres the
Fee Rent of one Schilling yearly to be paid upon the Feast of Saint Michael the
Arch Angel and also cultivating and improving three acres of every fifty of the
Tract above mentioned within three years after the Date of these Presents.
Provided always that if three years of the said Fee Rent shall at any time be in
arrear and unpaid or if the said Benjamin Stennett his Heirs or Assigns do not
within the space of three years next coming after the Date of these Presents
cultivate and improve three acres part of every fifty of the Tract above mentioned
then the Estate hereby granted shall cease and be utterly determined and
thereafter it shall and may be lawful to and for our Heirs and Successors to grant
the same Land and Premises with the Appurtenances unto enhances unto such other
Person or Persons as we our Heirs and Successors shall think fit.
IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our Letters Patent to be made
WITNESS our Trusty and Welbeloved Thomas Lee Esq. President of our Council and
Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburg under the Seal of our said
Colony the first day of June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty in the Twenty
third year of our Reign.

Thomas Lee Esq.

AUGUST 3, 1761 BENJAMIN STINNETT, Amherst County, to James Isham, Amherst
County. Stinnett in consideration of a certain promise made by him to James Isham
at the time of his intermarrying with his daughter has bargained, sold, etc., to
James Isham 100 acres near Tobacco Row Mountain on Huff Creek. It is the lower
part of 400 acres patented to Benjamin Stinnett on June 1, 1750, and is now in
Isham's possession. Mark of Stinnett. Court held at Henry Kay's, August 3, 1761,
George Seton, Clerk.⁴

Note: Benjamin Jr. married the Isham daughter, not Benjamin Sr. as his wife
Elizabeth was still alive when he made his will. This record did not distinguish
between Benjamin Sr. and Jr.

MAY 3, 1762 BENJAMIN STINNET AC, to Benjamin Stinnet Jr. — for love and
affection borne his son Benjamin Jr. — 150 acres on Huff Creek and middle part
of 200 acres patented to Benjamin Sr. lines James Isham.⁵

¹Socage, Old English term, Tenure of land or deed to land similar to our
Homestead Act.

²Capite, Old English term, The name of a tenure by which land was held immed-
iately of the Crown. Certain improvements had to be made before title could be
obtained.

³Knight's Service, Old English term: Under the Feudal System, Military Service was
to be rendered as a condition of holding land. (Granted for Military Service — a
practice which began in 1439.)

AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA — Deed Book A — Davis p. 9. From The Jones
Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA — Deed Book A — Davis p. 31. From The Jones
Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

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JUNE 2, 1766 BENJAMIN STINNET, Jr. AC, to Henry Childress, AC, 65 pds. 150 a. br. of Huff, Middle pt. of 400 a. granted Benj. Stinnet Sr. lines Jas. Isham, X for Benj. Stinnet Jr. and wife Usley.¹

Note: Benjamin Jr. and wife Usle (Usley) evidently sold out and moved.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1767 JAS. STINNET "Cenior", AC, to Danl. Edmonds, AC, 10 pds. a. pt. of 227 a. N. fk of Huff Ck. lines Jno. Dameron and others — Anne Stinnet, Wife, makes X.

Memo. Edwards is to have no pt. of rent from Thos. Witington for the plantation for ensuing yr.

Wit: Jno. Kennedy; Jno. Stinnet.² (believe to be a son of James)

MARCH 6, 1769 - JAS. STINNET and wife Anne, AC, to Wm, Camden AC, 35 pds. for 152 a. - part of of pat. 227 a. to J. S. on June 1, 1750. X of Grantors.³

Note: James has now sold the 227 acres that he patented June 1, 1750, the same time that Benjamin Sr. patented 400 acres.

Benjamin and James Stennett (Stinnet) received patents from the crown on June 1, 1750 in Albermarle County, Virginia, on June 1, 1750 on lands described in the preceeding land tranctions. Benjamin received 400 acres and James received 227 acres from these patents.⁴

The land records show that both James and Benjamin Sr. had lands in Albermarle County in 1749 on Huff Creek before they got their patents for more land. So they each had a plantation. The transfer of 100 acres to James Isham for the marriage of Benjamin Jr. of Usley Isham was part of the Benjamin Sr. patent. This establishes a date of marriage for Benjamin Jr. in 1761. Benjamin Sr. and Elizabeth were married on or before 1731. However, Benjamin Jr. the oldest child I have a record of was probably born before 1740. Madden's records shows that that Benjamin Sr. and Jr. were in Albermarle County Militia in September 1758. This would mean that Benjamin Jr. was born 1740 or before. He would probably have been 18 years or older at this time.

More land records furnished by the same source as the previous ones gives further evidence of the whereabouts of Benjamin Jr. and Sr.

¹AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Deed Book A - Davis p. 96. From The Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

²AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Deed Book A - Davis p. 252. From The Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

³AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Deed Book A - Davis p. 414. From The Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

⁴Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

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1777 BENJAMIN STINNETT and Usley his wife of the County of Henry
HARRIS of the same county for the sum of seventy pounds sell to
91 acres on the north side of Irvin (Smith) River, beginning at two red oaks
Huffs line., a white oak in Thomas Hoff's (Huff's) line, BENJAMIN
X.¹

1779 - JOHN KINDRICK of the County of Henry to Benjamin Stinnett for
one hundred pounds sells 100 acres of land on Buffalow Creek, it being
part of the said tract whereon I formerly lived. The Sitting ??? branch
the upper branch to the beginning.²

John and Elizabeth Kindrick

1786. BENJAMIN STENNETT of Montgomery County, Va. to William
HARRIS of Henry County for fifty pounds sells land in Henry County by
of 100 acres more or less, it being the upper part of the survey of land
formerly JOHN HENDRICK — to a dividing line between JOHN
HARRIS and STENNETT — on Buffalow Creek that said STENNETT purchased
HARRIS — line Still Branch.³

14, 1760 Wm. Cabell Jr. to Robt. Whitten L 120 400 a. Beaver Ck. brs.
side Tobacco Row Mts. - Cabell's Grove - part of pat. of 2700 a., 6 Dec.
Benj. Stinnett; Henry Childers.⁴

1760 Wm. Cabell Jr., to Henry Childers, L 27-12 76a. Huff Ck. brs. and E.
Tobacco Row Mts., part of pat. 2700 a. 6 Dec. 1753. line Benjamin Stinnett.⁵

1765 Henry Childers and wife Susanna, AC, to John Childers,
Co. 35 pds., 138 a. br. of Huff Ck. — pt. of 276 a., surveyed for Henry
Childers and bought from Wm. Cabell Jr. lines Benj. Stinnett, Robt. Whitten. X's
Childers and wife.⁶

SPENCER COUNTY, VIRGINIA: Deed Book I - Adams, pg. 61, 62, 63. From The
Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

SPENCER COUNTY, VIRGINIA: Deed Book I - Adams, pg. 288, 289. From The Jones
Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

SPENCER COUNTY, VIRGINIA: Deed Book III and IV, pg. 294, 295. From The Jones
Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

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July 30, 1766 Jas. Bush, AC, to McPherson and Minzies, Henrico Merchants, 5 sh. to secure debt of bond as of July 30, 1766, of 106-16-2 half penny and principal 1s 53-8-1 penny farthing — 75 a. joining Thos. Parks and Henry Childers, and a piece of land that Peterfield Trent bought of Benj. Stinnett and some land Jas. Bush bought of Jno. Stinnett.¹

April 30, 1768 Hector McAlester, Alb. Co. to Jno. Barnes, City of Bristol in Great Britain, met. — 100 pds. 263 a. b. sides Beaver Cr. lines Nichols Eastin; Jeremia Whitten; Wm. Cabells Order of Council Tract; Benjamin Stennet.²

These land records show that Benjamin Jr. evidently sold all lands in Amherst County, moved away, and engaged in land deals in the years 1777 and 1779 when he was in Henry County and in 1786 when he was in Montgomery County, Virginia. I have no record of him after this date. However, he is getting old enough now to settle down since he was born around 1733-34. There was no mention of Usley, his wife, in these later transactions. But this of itself is not significant. In those times it was not considered necessary for wives to sign legal documents if it was inconvenient for them to be present. The wives usually had to tend the children and chores. It is interesting to note the sale of October 1, 1786 to William Isam. Is he a relative of Usley Isham, Benjamin's wife?

It appears that Benjamin Sr. did not leave his plantation in Amherst County. His name was mentioned in land transaction as being on a land boundary line, as lands were then described before official surveys were made. His latest land transaction record that I have was in 1766. A land record dated April 30, 1768 shows he was a boundary land owner. The latest for James was in 1769, although Madden says James Stennett was in Henry County in 1786. Could that be a different James?

¹ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA: (later became Amherst County) Deed Book pg. 122. From The Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

²ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA: (later became Amherst County) Deed Book pg. 312. From The Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Virginia.

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THE WILL OF BENJAMIN STENNETT SENIOR

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Stennett Sen. being weake in Body but of sound memory thanks be to God have made this my last will and Testament. Imprimis¹ I command my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor. Item: I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth the Plantation whereon she lives now during her natural life and at her death to my Son William to have it to him and his Heirs forever. Item: my will is that my wife keep all the Stock together till my Son William Stennett and my Daughter Susanna come of age and then to give unto my Son William one Cow and my Daughter Susanna Two Heifers. Item: I give and bequeath out of my Stock at my Death to my Son-in-law John Childress one Gray Mare branded (B2) and one Heifer and one breeding Sow to him and his Heirs forever. Item: my will is that my wife Elizabeth be Executrix and my Son Benjamin Executor of this my last will and Testament. As witness my hand and Seal this 21st. day of October 1764.

Benjamin X Stennett Sen.
his mark

In presence of: Richard Peter
James X Stennett
his mark
Hanna X Peter
Her Mark²

At Court held for Amherst County the fifth Day of July 1773.
This last will and Testament of Benjamin Stennett Dead was presented in Court by Elizabeth Stennett one of the Executors therein named and proved by the oath of Richard and Hanna Peter. Witness there is and ordered to be Recorded whereupon the said Elizabeth took the Oath prescribed by Law and with Richard Peter her Security acknowledged bond in the Sum of fifty pounds with the conditions required by Law.

Test: E—— Wilcox Att.³

Note that he was then "weake" in body but sound in memory. Elizabeth and son Benjamin Jr. were executors of the will. All the children except Benjamin Jr. were beneficiaries. Benjamin had already received a gift of land as I have shown in the land records. Benjamin's son-in-law John Childress (Childers?), Susanna's husband, was a beneficiary of the will.

Benjamin Stennett Sr. died in 1773. I have estimated his birth as around 1700, making him around age 73 at death, a good life span for those times.

¹ Latin, especially, first of all, or principally.

² Recorded in Will Book 1, Page 245, Amherst County Court Clerk's Office, Amherst, Virginia. The Author has a copy of the original will.

³ Will Book 1, page 246 Amherst County Court Clerk's Office, Amherst Virginia.

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Benjamin Sr. could have been a son of Joseph I (1663-1713). Joseph's wife's name was Susanna and Benjamin's daughter also was named Susanna. This could be coincidental and have no significance, or she could have been Joseph's granddaughter. I do not have proof that either Benjamin or James were sons of Joseph I. The fact that Benjamin Sr. and James could not sign their names concerns me some as to the conclusion that they were sons of Joseph I, a highly educated minister. In those times it was not common for all the children to be given the opportunity to learn to read and write. If any of them were allowed any schooling, it was the oldest male. This could be the situation in a family such as Joseph's. The education went to his son Joseph, who was also a minister.

Other research data reinforces my belief that Benjamin Sr. is my direct ancestor.

"I have a J. D. Stennett and a Charles Baker Stennett that was living in England. I didn't know which ones came over from England but I have Benjamin Stennett, born 1720 in Virginia, also a Benjamin Jr. born 1740 in Virginia, and a William Stennett born 1765. I have no proof but believe this William is the father of my great grandfather Benjamin M. Stennett born in Virginia 1792, married Betsy Ann Matthews, born 1801."¹

Census records of 1810, Amherst County, Virginia:
William Stennett, over 45 years old, Benjamin 14-16, Charles 26-45.

Census record of 1820, Amherst, County, Virginia:
Will Stennett, over 45, Benjamin 26-45, Charles 16-26, and John 14-24.

Census record for 1830 Davidson County, Tennessee:
Benjamin 40-50, children, males 2 under 5, females 1 age 5-10, female 1 age 20-30.

Census record of 1840, Kemper County, Mississippi census:
male 1 under 5, male 1 age 5-10, 2 males age 10-15, male 1 age 40-50, female 1 under 5, female 1 age 5-10, female 1 age 10-15, female 1 age 30-40."²

1810 census of Amherst County, Virginia:

Benjamin Stinnett, head of household, farmer, age over 45, male 1 age under 10, female 1 under 10, 1 female age 10-16, female 1 age over 45.

William Stinnett, head of household, farmer, age over 45, male 1 age 10-14 or 14-16, female 1 under 10, 1 female age over 45.

I do not know the source of Lees's records. The census before 1850 listed only head of household and columnar tabulation of the household by sex and age groupings. I found it hard to accurately report the results of those early census. Sometimes entries were not clear, and the groupings by age were not consistently the same. Also, extra lines on some pages were confusing in selecting the proper

¹R. Lee Stennett, R t. 2 Box 570, Shelbyville, Texas 75973 sent this data to Mrs. Lester (Maureen) Crow, 102 Elm St. Boonville, Mississippi.

²ibid.

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column and age group. So, both the enumerator and user of the records could easily make mistakes. These were evident to me when I took down the data from the 1820 census of Amherst county. It did not check out with the 1810 census for the same families. The problem may have been with the reproduction process.

The enumerators at that time worked by contract and some probably were lax in detail. Many even took a report from a neighbor if a farmer was not home, it was raining, the creek was high, or the road was muddy etc.

It is evident that the William reported by Lee and myself are one and the same. He is the son of Benjamin Sr. The census shows that he was born before 1765. William's son Benjamin M. is the Benjamin mentioned in the Bible record, born 1792 and is Lee's ancestor. Benjamin Sr's will indicates that William had obtained his majority, which if it was age 21, would mean that William was born before Oct. 21, 1764.

The Benjamin I reported in the 1810 census of Amherst County could be a son of Benjamin Jr. and the father of William H. (Hightower) Stennett born 1788 in Virginia. Benjamin Jr. was married in 1761 to Usley Isham and his son Benjamin was born before 1765. However, this assumption is incorrect. Information I have since received from three cousins in Mississippi and Texas all believe that William, son of Benjamin Sr. is the father of these two brothers William H. (Hightower) 1788 and Benjamin M. 1792. Such a belief comes from handed down verbal records through the generations. With this evidence (though not written) I must accept this belief and declare William, not Benjamin to be the father of these two brothers.

I believe that the person who compiled the Bible record misplaced the ancestors in reporting. No one has been able to find the old Willis Bible from which that record was supposedly taken. I believe the person that compiled the record from which I started the research must have done some fill in of gaps in the Bible record. Refer back to the Start of Things and the discussion on the Bible record. It had Benjamin, born 1792, his son Benjamin, born about 1726, and his son Hightower as the ancestors of William E. Stennett, born 1816, which is obviously wrong. The Benjamins, instead, are Benjamin Sr. born about 1700 and Benjamin born 1792. I believe Benjamin Sr. replaces the Joseph, son of Samuel, in the Bible Record.

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TENNESSEE

Our branch of the Stennetts migrated from Virginia to Tennessee. Therefore it is appropriate to give some interesting background to the history, events, and living conditions of that time, for the State of Tennessee.

In 1541 Hernando De Soto, the Spanish explorer, stopped near the site of what is now Memphis. Various others visited the area at later times. In 1584 what is now Tennessee was part of a vast English grant made to the English explorer Sir Walter Raleigh. This grant was known as the Lord Properties of Carolina.

Although several Tribes of Indians lived here, by 1717 only the Cherokee remained. The Chickasaws claimed what is now Western Tennessee.

The French and Indian Wars lasted from 1754 to 1763, but I shall not expand upon this topic except to say that the Indian problems were of great concern to many settlers. They had to build forts around their farmsteads to protect humans, livestock, and personal property. Even so there were many incidents of killings by the Indians and Whites, and continuing wars with the Indians until they were confined to reservations.

White settlements began about 1769 with emigrants from Virginia and North Carolina into Eastern Tennessee. In 1771 these emigrants who thought they had settled in Virginia founded their own homespun government called the "Watauga Association". When they found they were not in Virginia they named it "Washington District".

In 1776, on petition of the Wataugas, the district was annexed to North Carolina. During the Revolutionary War they repelled the Indian attacks (the Indians joined the British in that war) and defeated the British in the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina.

In 1784 North Carolina ceded this land to the United States government without the knowledge and consent of the Wataugas. Independent, they formed their own State of Franklin and elected John Sevier, 1745 - 1815 as the governor. The federal government ignored those actions. North Carolina, however, once again asserted its jurisdiction and arrested John Sevier for treason. North Carolina, in 1790, ceded the region called the "Territory South of the River Ohio" to the United States government and a territorial government was established.

Tennessee was admitted to the Union in 1796 with additional territory added which extended to the Mississippi River. This was the first territory to be admitted to the Union. John Sevier was pardoned and served as the first governor. Treaties were consummated with the Cherokees during 1796 to 1819, and they were moved west. Western Tennessee was purchased from the Cherokee in 1818 and the area was opened for settlement in 1838.

Tennessee voted itself out of the Union when the Civil War began. Although soldiers, mostly from middle and western Tennessee fought for the Confederacy, many of those in the eastern region served the Union Army. Andrew Jackson, later to become the 17th President, refused to resign his seat in Congress from Tennessee. He was appointed Military Governor when the Union Army drove the

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Confederate government from the State. Andrew Jackson held this position until he was elected President of the United States. Tennessee was readmitted to the Union July 23, 1866.

The Cumberland Gap was the main commerce route into Tennessee and Kentucky from Virginia over which our ancestors came by wagon. The Gap is a pass through the Cumberland Mountains between Kentucky, Tennessee and the south west end of Virginia. It is a notch 500 feet deep and in some places so narrow as to allow room only for a roadway. The roadway was laid out by Daniel Boone in 1769. During the Civil War this route was of strategic importance, several times changing hands between North and South. The railroad was not built until 1878. Until then stage coach and wagon train provided the means of commerce. This route was used to reach the navigable part of the Cumberland River, which provided an outlet to the Ohio and Mississippi.

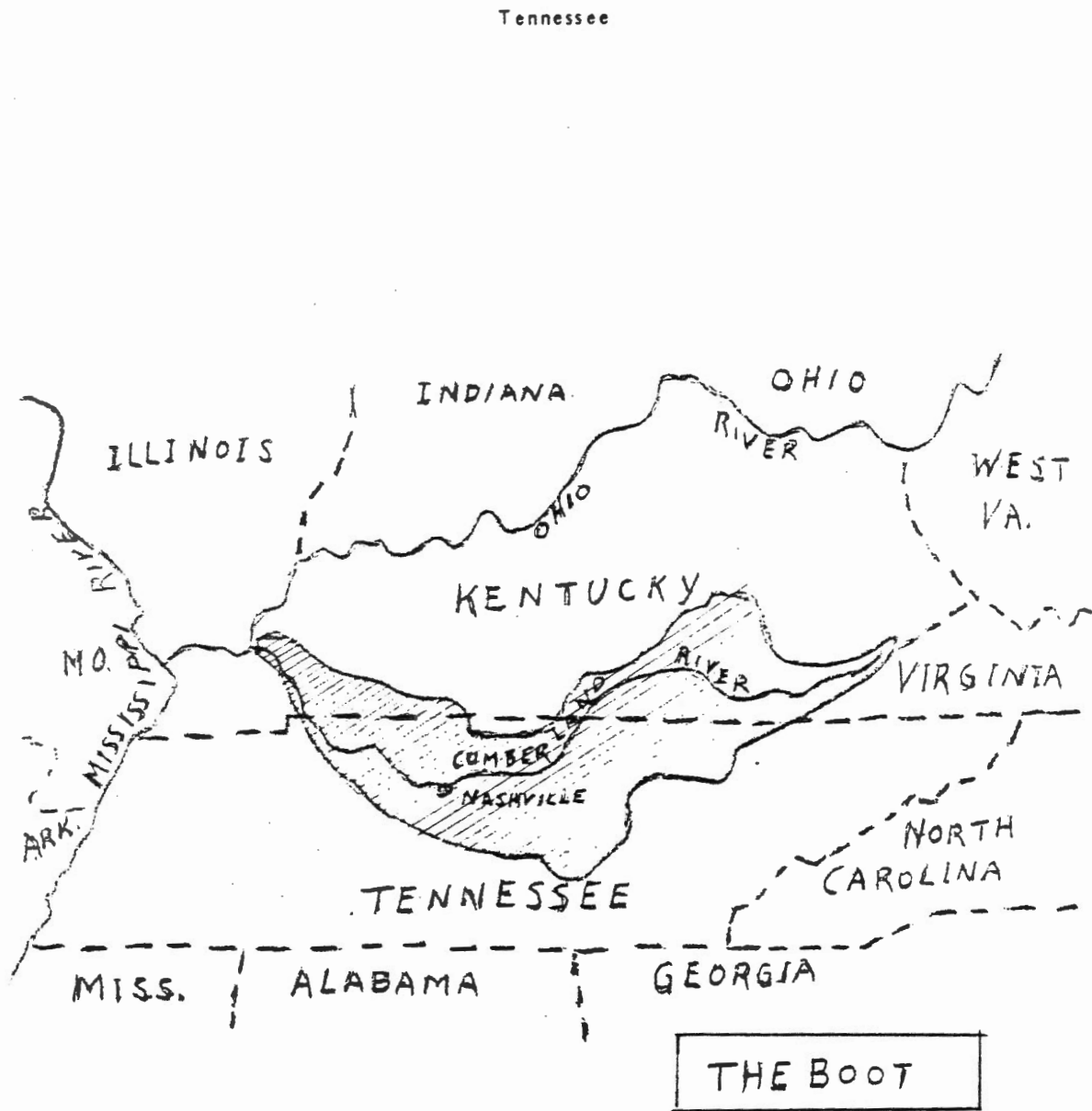
The Stennetts settled in what is called middle Tennessee in the Cumberland River valley know as "The Boot", so named because of its shape. Nashville became the trading center and is today the largest city in the valley. The Boot, an area about 125 miles east and west and 60 miles wide, is outlined on the next page.

Both Virginia and North Carolina set aside lands on the Cumberland as payment in lieu of cash for veterans of the Revolutionary War, as the States were not able to make payments in cash. But many veterans sold their land warrants to land speculators without looking at the land. It was too costly to make the long journey to see the land unless one wanted to settle there.

The first settlers in the Cumberland Valley were mostly reduced to a mere subsistence farming, as in 1781. They raised small acreages of cotton, garden produce, a pig or two. If they had money enough, they bought a sow or a shoat or two, and a milk cow. These first settlers were harassed by the Indians. They had to have as many guards as workers outside the farmstead fortification. It was not until 1783 that enough corn was raised to support a water powered mill.

Davidson County was created in 1784 after which land surveys were made to establish ownership and a tax roll. This resulted in the forced moving of some of the settlers. They evidently did not have a clear title to their lands. Someone also filed on it before they were notified and allowed to perfect their title. There were many scandals and swindles in all new areas opened for settlement and the newcomers were always the imigrant settlers. These settlers improved the land but lost everything but personal property when the land was taken from them by ruthless land grabbers. They probably did not have the financial means, and perhaps knowledge, to get legal recourse.

Because of open range, fences had to be built to contain stock. They were split rail and pole fences. For the small animals and fowl woven fences had to be built. These were made, not of wire, but from small green tree limbs, and brush, woven in place among the upright poles.



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What we would call hardship and poverty, today, was the way of life for these early pioneers. They had a love of life and freedom, animals, nature. They liked the sound of human voices from family and neighbors, politics, religion, bacon and beans cooking in an iron pot, greens and sowbelly, corn bread, and hot toddy and all the ills of life, real or imaginary. Those that could read enjoyed books and the Sunday paper even if it was second hand. These people read to those who could not and taught the young ones to read if they were so inclined. The family was the most read, silently and aloud. The old people were cared for by the family. They lived on memories and had stories for the children and anyone also would listen. There were no Social Programs to take care of the elderly such as there are today. If the family did not take care of them they had to go to the "Poor Farm". This was a deplorable place to live out their remaining years.

There was always something to do outdoors when the weather permitted. Some settlers were more ambitious to get it done than others. Some were not at all afraid to work. Others could lie down beside it and take a nap and a nip or two of spirits. There was always stock to tend, fences to build and mend, firewood to trap and hunting besides field work. The housewife had clothes to mend, ones to make, spinning, weaving, children to birth and raise, and many varied and sundry odd jobs and chores, besides the regular household duties. Winter months provided more time for family activities. This was the time the children went to school, if they got any schooling at all. It was a time for butchering, smoking and curing of meats, gathering wild nuts in the woods. Also it was a time for going to church, if one was available and near, visiting of friends and relatives, community activities. And it was a time to sit and think and enjoying the surroundings of nature: the clean air, smell of the woods and earth, wood burning in the fireplace, and to contemplate the mysteries of nature and the universe.

It was common until recent times, especially among farm families, to have large families. Children were born about two years apart. They were soon helpers and companions for both wife and husband.

Times and places seem to mesh together; the past was part of the present, as familiar as the water bucket in the kitchen and well, or the home made apple press, corn meal mush, or the yellow home made soap. The land yielded cotton, flax, and wool, for spinning and weaving, meat, eggs, corn, lumber and fire wood, pitch to make tar and resin, oak for barrel staves, garden and fruit produce. The flax seed yielded linseed oil, and the residue was fed to cattle. The fibers had to be processed by hand and made into thread and yarn. Hackling was to flax as carding was to cotton and wool.

Most of the settlers had a religious upbringing which shaped their lives and built a Victorian moral standard which carried through their lives. But out here the churches were few and far between and it was a rare occasion when they attended church. The first recognized minister to come to this land was in 1785, and the first church was established in 1787. Religious services were held in the home or neighborhood gatherings in a home.

A plow, complete with singletree sold for about \$5.00. Wages in town were 50¢ for men and 25¢ for women a day. They had to provide their own board and room. The wages for farm labor would be less but board and room would be provided. Hay mow was the sleeping quarters.

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At this time in American history, the "Industrial Revolution" had not yet begun. There was no steam engine and the inventions that followed it. However, even before the Revolutionary War the basic idea of a cotton gin had been developed. Two boys, one to feed the cotton between wooden rollers, the other to turn the crank or work the treadle, could seed about 50 pounds a day. Steel rollers replaced the wooden ones even before Eli Whitney patented the idea. There was great doubt that he "invented" the cotton gin, only patented the idea.

Andrew Jackson had a store in the Cumberland Valley. Daniel Boone spent time there; Davie Crockett lived here a while not far from where Marshall Clemens, the father of Samuel (Mark Twain) lived.

HE'S FROM TENNESSEE ALRIGHT — from common folk.
Some even thought them stupid. But they weren't.
They'd know right off that you'd made a
mistake if you put a bucket under a bull.

The Stennetts of America

MISSISSIPPI

William E. Stennett was born in Tennessee and lived through part of his childhood there. Tennessee, as a state, was only 20 years old at his birth in 1816 and was scarcely settled by hardy farmer pioneers. The sections entitled Tennessee and William H. Stennett contain historical information about the state and its early history which will give you an idea of William's boyhood life.

William, called Bill, spent most of his life in Mississippi. More details on his life will be presented later. First I want to give some historical background on Mississippi.

The name Mississippi probably originated from the Chippawa Indian Tribe who used the name Mici Zibi, or as it also appeared as Michi Sepe, meaning large river.

In 1539 Hernando de Soto explored the northeast part of the state. In 1681 La Salle claimed the area for the King of France, Louis XIV, naming it Louisiana.

The first attempt at settlement was in 1699 by a French group at what is now Biloxi. The Natches and Chickasaw tribes made the frontier unsafe for settlement. Spain took possession of the Florida Territory which included part of Mississippi during the Revolutionary War. In 1795 Britain ceded the area to Spain. But in 1798 the Territory of Mississippi was formed. Between 1810 and 1813 the part that was held by Spain was taken by the United States under the claim that it was originally part of the Louisiana Territory which was purchased from France in 1803. England had taken a large part of the South from France in 1763, but ceded it to the United States after the Revolutionary War.

Mississippi was admitted to the union as a State, December 10, 1817. The earliest settlements were along the Gulf of Mexico coast near what is now Biloxi in 1699, and the Mississippi River settlements near Natches in 1716.

The population of the state gives some idea of how fast, or how slow, the land was settled

year	population	% change
1800	8,850	0
1810	40,352	455%
1820	75,448	178%
1830	136,621	181%
1840	375,651	275%
1850	606,526	161%
1860	791,305	130%
1870	877,922	111%

Settlement of the interior did not start until after the following; 1 - the Natchez Trace Road was built, 2 - the War of 1812 was over, 3 - the Indians were driven, or moved out or became less hostile to the settlers. From the population figures it appears that some migration started between 1800 and 1810. But most of that population was in the Biloxi-Natches areas, because of the importance of navigation, the building and maintenance of shipping facilities, and starting of the

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Natchez Trace Road. The population increased rather steadily from 1810 to 1870, indicating that migration was taking place at a steady pace. A substantial increase was probably due to the introduction of slaves, and from the large farm families that were common to the rural population of that time.

The Natchez Trace Parkway presently follows the general route of the original trail. Leaving Tennessee it crosses the northwest corner of Alabama entering Mississippi at the town of Tishomingo near the northeast corner of the state. It passes near the town of Tupelo then in a more or less straight line to Jackson and Natchez.

The topography of the state consists of four general divisions. The south and southwest is low marsh lands of the Gulf costal plain. The east is a rolling wooded prairie. The northeast is mostly hilly. The northwest is the large delta region consisting of fertile bottom lands built by the Mississippi River. The highest elevation in the state is 800 feet. The climate is moderate and the rainfall is 50-54 inches a year. With this climate and rainfall combination, luxuriant forests covered the land with species common to temperate and subtropical regions. Over 100 varieties of trees are known, including 15 varieties of oak. Cypress inhabits the bottom swamp lands and pine is the main forest tree. Sycamore, persimmon, magnolia, holly, sweet gum, walnut, hickory, and maple are other predominant species. Game and fish were abundant when the settlers arrived.

Because our ancestors fought in the Civil War I will include remarks and information leading up to that war and a little about the war itself, which took place from 1861 to 1865.

We know that the North was predominately a manufacturing, commercial, and financial center of the Union, with mostly small farms and no slaves. By contrast the South was strictly agricultural with many large plantations and with slavery commonly practiced. Industries were almost non-existent. The main cash crops of cotton and tobacco were shipped north for processing. All the input costs required for farming and those needed for families were imported, including banking.

The South enjoyed the good life. There were new and fertile lands to be developed with little interference from hostile forces, once the Indians were subdued and moved to reservations. This is not to say that there were no hardships for the small planter who could not have a plantation. But they had freedom and many things to be thankful for. As in all the land areas that were opened for settlement there were many land grabbers by what ever means, legal and illegal. The ones to suffer most from these scoundrels were the ordinary small land owners who could least afford to lose their lands.

The plantation owners eventually ruled the south, so to speak. They elected their own selected candidates, even from the local Justice-of-the-Peace to the U. S. Congress, and controlled them with their political donations. From 1820 the North and South differed more and more in their needs and political outlook. They were divided chiefly on two main questions or issues. One was the question of slavery extending into the territories not yet organized into states. The "Dread Scott Case" tested the Constitution in the Supreme Court, which held that slavery could not be prohibited in the territories of the United States. This case was argued in

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1856-57 and it aroused intense bitterness among the Abolitionists and was among the incidents that led to the Civil War. The other question concerned States' rights where the South supported strong, almost supreme States' rights. The South developed strong leadership both locally and nationally. They exerted great influence upon the developing territories that were being settled, even upon southern nations outside the United States. As in most societies, the small planter was too hard pressed to develop his land, farm it, and to eke out a living, to exert much political influence. He was more or less carried along with the political tide.

The immediate cause of the war was the decision of eleven states to secede and established their own Southern Confederacy. The first to secede was South Carolina on December 20, 1860; Mississippi was second on January 9, 1861, followed by Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee, June 8, 1861, in that order. The slave states of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, and the Western Counties of Virginia repudiated the action of the Confederate Convention. Western Virginia became the State of West Virginia on June 20, 1863.

Jefferson Davis, from Mississippi, was elected President of the Confederate States.

The secession was tantamount to a Declaration of War. The first shot was fired January 9, 1861 at Fort Sumpter South Carolina. Both sides were caught unprepared. The North had the Army and Navy dispersed throughout both the South and North and in distant places over seas.

It is not my intention to cover the war in detail, battle by battle, the reader can research that if they desire. It is my purpose only to present enough background to set the stage for our ancestors of that time in history. There are many writings about this war and its horrors, hardships, and aftershock, as well as the Reconstruction period that followed for anyone who may be interested to read about it.

One interesting fact may be worth mentioning which relates to that war. Carl Russel, Bedford, Texas, tells that Jones County in Mississippi declared itself Independent when war broke out and its citizens did not fight on either side. Mississippi was so caught up in the war that it evidently took no action to correct this illegal action until the war was over. Carl Russel relates that one of his ancestors had a wife that was very ill and unable to take care of the children and household chores. Rather than enlist, he moved to Jones County where the family lived out the war. After the war was over, however, the Jones County residents were considered deserters. This man was shot by his countrymen.

To live above with Saints we love
Oh, that will be glory.
To live below with Saints we know
Well, that's a different story.

A SMILE IS AN INEXPENSIVE WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR LOOKS

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The Stennetts of America

WILLIAM H. STENNETT

William H. (Hightower) (1-2-1)

b. 1788, VA

m. Elizabeth Bynum, 1810

b. England (Bahamas?)

d.

c. William E. (1-2-1-1)

b. 1816, TN

m. Dicy Raborn

d. Sept. 17, 1886, Mize, Smith County, MS

Simeon (1-2-1-2)

b. 1826, MS

d. 1865, Camp Chase, OH (Confederate P.O.W.)

Willis (1-2-1-3)

b. ca. 1830, MS

d. March 1910, Pineville, Smith County, MS

5 girls are listed in the 1830 census; one is in the age group of William E., the other four in the age range of Simeon and Willis.

I have previously stated that William H. Stennett was born in Virginia in 1788. His date of birth was established from the 1850 census of Jasper County, Mississippi. The 1850 census of Jasper County which states that he was born in Virginia also records his wife as Elizabeth, from the Bahamas. The 1880 census of Smith County, Mississippi records the mother of William E. Stennett as born in England.

Records did not reveal when William H. Stennett arrived in Tennessee. But I calculate that he migrated from Virginia about 1810. William H. Stinnett is listed on the tax rolls in Davidson, County in 1811.¹ I assume that he married Elizabeth in Virginia about 1810.

As soon as he had his wagon and team of horses, mules, or oxen, seed, food, farm equipment, other provisions and household goods ready and loaded, and the wagon covered, he hoisted his bride aboard. He bid adieu to relatives and friends. They joined a caravan for Davidson County, Tennessee, some 500 or more miles West. They began the life of the pioneer to take up new lands in a new area opened for settlement that had previously been occupied by Indians.

These new lands were used to pay veterans for their services in lieu of cash. Many sold the land sight unseen rather than make the long trip to examine or settle it. I have done no research to determine whether William was a veteran at the time. It is likely that he was not, unless it was for peace time Indian wars. I am certain that it was for economic reasons that William and Elizabeth chose to migrate. There could have been other reasons. However, the lure of virgin lands was often overwhelming.

¹furnished by Mrs. Isham A. (Elinor) Harris, 1716 Greenwood Ave. Nashville, Tennessee 37206

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The trip took at least 30 days. They probably would have traveled through the Cumberland Gap (which was explored by Daniel Boone) and the Appalachian Mountains, and on the main road to Kentucky and Tennessee. Then they traveled to a place on the Cumberland River where navigation began. Because of the many small streams entering the river they probably went by barge that was propelled by steam power, to Nashville. There were scattered settlements along the way as parts of Eastern Tennessee were settled. Nashville was by then a shopping and shipping center on the Cumberland River, with access to the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. In 1820 the population of Nashville was 6,929, according to the census, including 2,433 slaves. The place where William and Elizabeth settled was probably virgin land, with Indians probably inhabiting lands nearby or. There are many stories and written accounts of the problems those early settlers had with the Indians. It was said that guards had to watch over the workers in the fields and the house and barnyard had to be enclosed with high wire fences. But by the time William and Elizabeth arrived it surely was not that bad, in 1810.

We know that the Bible record listed a Hightower Stennett as my great grand father, the Father of William E., "Bill"; born 1816, Simeon, born 1826, called "Mimmie", and Willis, called "Wiss", born about 1830. These are the only children I have names for. We know that the Bible Hightower is not the right one. My research leads to the conclusion that William H. Stennett, born in Virginia in 1788 is the father of these three brothers. None of the research sources gave his middle name. I am certain that it was Hightower, by which he was known and called. But his legal name was William H. Stennett. William H. (Hightower) Stennett is in the right places at the right time to be the father of these three brothers.

The 1820 census of Marion County, Mississippi:

William H. Stennett as head of the Household with the following members: 1 male under 10 (this would be William E. 1816), 1 male 26-45 (William H. 1788), 2 females under 10, 1 Female 26-45 (Elizabeth). A note, "Commerce" evidently was his listed occupation. Since there were 3 children under 10 in 1820, this would tend to lend support to the assumption that William and Elizabeth were married about 1810, at Williams' age 22.

The 1850 census of Jasper County, Mississippi:

William H. Stennett as a farmer, born in Virginia, and his wife Elizabeth, born 1790 and FROM the Bahamas.

The William Hightower family was not in Marion County in the 1830 census. This is where Simeon must have been born in 1826. The family must have moved to Jasper County in 1830, or near that date, where Willis "Wiss", was born in 1830. The Indian Cession Map found on page 60 shows that Jasper County was part of the Third Cession of 1830. Migration was probably taking place before the final agreement on the Third Cession. So the family could have taken land there before 1830, when the Indians still roamed over the land. This family seemed to move to new lands about every 10 years as the old lands would wear out from lack of proper crop rotation and land use practices.

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The 1820 census of Marion County listed two females and one male, under age 10 in the William Hightower Stennett family. The two girls could have been born about 1812 and 1813, and William E. "Bill" was born in 1816. Simeon "Simmie" was born in 1826 according to census records, and Willis "Wiss" was born in 1830. The large gap in ages between Bill and his two brothers is not explainable from my data gathered to date.

The 1880 census of Smith County:¹

William E. Stennett family listed the birthplace of the father as Virginia and England as the birthplace of the mother. She must have come to America from the Bahamas, but was born in England.

Furthermore, I have land records that corroborate the statement that he is in the right places at the right time. I have land grants (patents) obtained by William H., William E. and Willis (a son of William H.).² These are shown as follows:

	Grant No.	Date	Section	T.	R.
William E. Stennett	9308	1853	18	1	11
Same	54 & 55	1855	17	1	11
Same	14209	1859	18	1	11
William H. Stennett	13261	1856	34	1	11
William H. Stennett	22212	1896	24	10	13
Willis Stennett	14219	1859	36	1	11

The same record of lands except for Willis was obtained from the Meridian Library. His lands were listed in Section 34 instead of 36.³

I also obtained copies of the land patents for William E. and William H. Stennett.⁴ They are listed as follows:

	Grant No.	Date	Section	T.	R.
William E. Stennett	9308	1854	18	1	11
Same	14209	1860	17 & 18	1	11
William H. Stennett	13261	1859	34 & 35	1	11

Because of the difference in dates I believe these final documents contain the same acreage and combined grant numbers as reported by H. H. Daniel. These lands are located on the land plat on page 44. Bay Springs is only a mile or two west of the upper left corner of the plat. The land grant or, patent, No. 22212

¹ Obtained from Cousin Carl Russell

² from H. H. Daniel, Jasper County Historian, Rt. 1, Box 58, Bay Springs, Mississippi 39422

³ from the Meridian Public Library, Meridian, Mississippi

⁴ The Bureau of Land Management, Land Office, Washington, D. C.

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obtained in 1896 by William H. Stennett is not the William H. Stennett of 1788, because of age. He was 68 years old in 1856 when his patent was evidently approved but not issued until 1859. There were land improvements, no doubt, that had to be made before final issue. The William H. Stennett in question here could have been a son of Simeon, 1826. Cousin Coulvert E. Stennett,¹ a descendant of Simeon told the author that Simeon had a son named William Hightower.

THE ROOSTER

This rare old bird
in days gone by
Was found on every farm.

He'd rouse the farmer
From his warm bed
To tend the chores and flock.

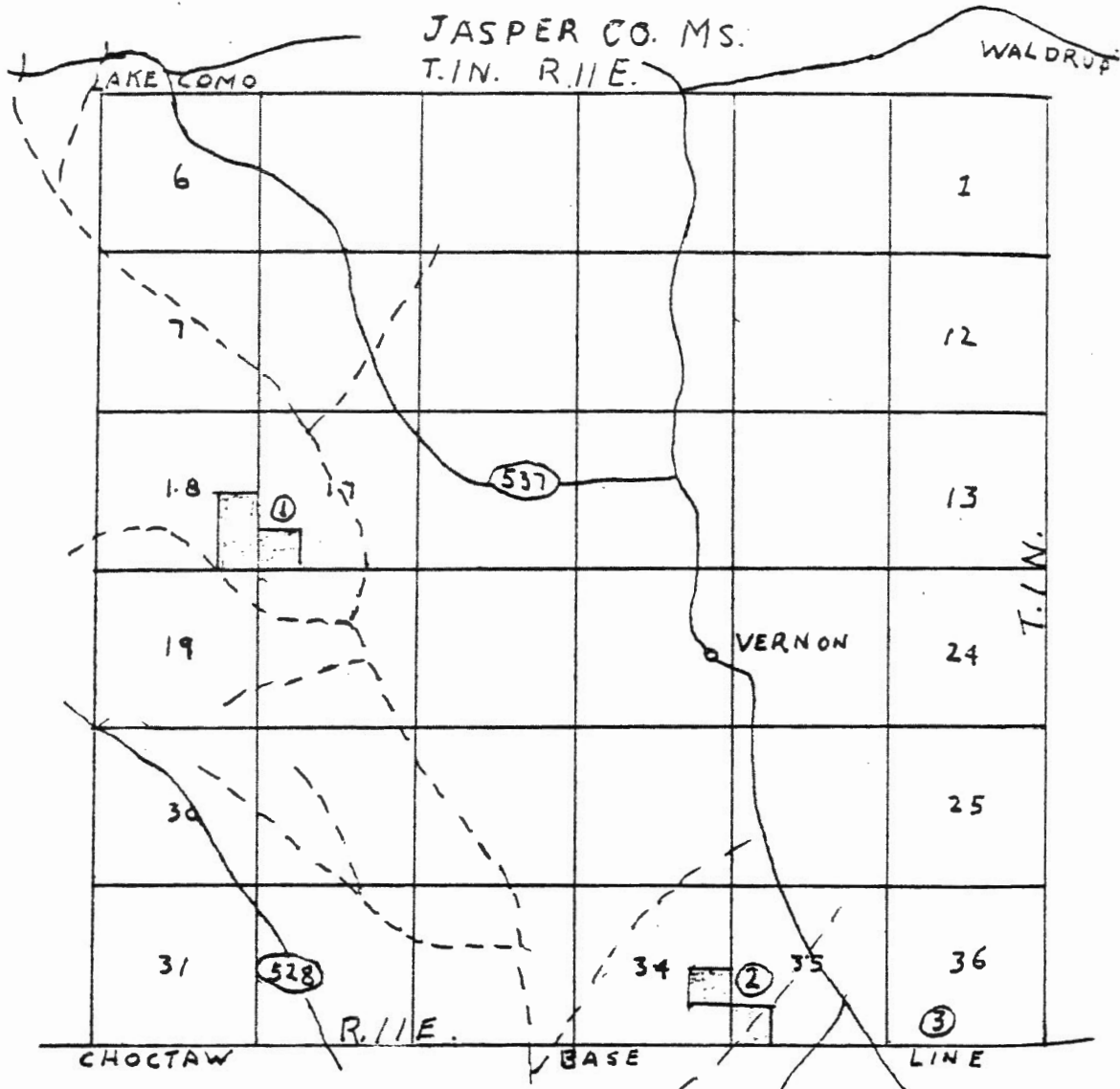
But now this rare old bird
Has been displaced
With an electric alarm clock.

F.S.S.

¹Rt. 3, Box 279, Laurel, Mississippi

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STENNETT LAND GRANTS



① WILLIAM E. STENNETT 120 AC.

② WILLIAM H. STENNETT 80 AC.

③ WILLIS STENNETT

— ROADS --- TALLAHOMA CR.

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The next two pages contains a copy of the land patent 13261 issued to William H. Stennett and the bounty land patent issued to him for his service in the War of 1812, when he was in Tennessee, and which he assigned, or sold, to E. I. Craven.

Considerable research was done by Jeanne Meade, Research Librarian, Jones Memorial Library. Her comments regarding William H. Stennett follows: "After reading all the information you sent, I feel certain William H. Stennett was the father of William E. and he was the father Hightower of your Bible record. The fact that William H. Stennett, seemingly the only Stennett in Davidson County in 1811, only 5 years before birth of William E. is significant. Also the fact that William H. Stennett, born 1788 is in the census in Jasper County Mississippi where Hightower lived is just too much of a coincidence." So perhaps I have located the correct Hightower that is our ancestor.

It must have been near 1820 when the family moved from Davidson County, Tennessee to Marion County, Mississippi. Public Domain did not open for settlement until lands were acquired from the Indian Tribe and the Natchez-Trace Road was opened for public travel and military use. This road has significant historical importance. Therefore I will digress and tell something about it.

The City of Natchez is in southwestern Mississippi, 95 miles southwest of the capitol, Jackson. It is one of the oldest cities on the "River". It was one of the earliest shipping and military centers.

Natches Trace is a road from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee. The U. S. Army was authorized in 1801 to clear a road from Nashville to Natchez to assure direct communication between the new Mississippi Territory and the Northeast. Nearly 500 miles of wilderness, belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians, separated the 9,000 people in or near Natchez from the nearest settlement, Nashville.

The task of opening the road, which consisted of removing trees and brush from a narrow strip, was entrusted to Gen. James Wilkinson. He secured the consent of the Indians. Because few troops were assigned to the road, it is unlikely that much of the clearing was accomplished until 1808, when Congress allowed the postmaster general to contract for improvements. Soon the old trail used for generations by the Indians and home bound "Kaintuck" boatman became an important road. Frontiersmen taking their products in flatboats downriver to New Orleans or Natchez finding it difficult to row upstream preferred to walk over the Trace to Nashville and from there to return to their homes. It was also an important post route. In time of war, either with the Indians or with Britain in 1812-1815 troops and supplies passed over it. It continued in use until the steamboat provided a faster way of travel between the lower South and rest of the country.

This Trail and Road passes southwest from Nashville through northwest Alabama, and enters Mississippi in the northwest corner passing through Tishomingo County, thence southwest to Natchez.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE No. 13261

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:
WHEREAS William H. Stennett of Jasper county, Mississippi has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTRY OF THE LAND OFFICE at Augusta¹ whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said William H. Stennett according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provisions for the sale of the Public Lands" for the South West quarter of the South West quarter of Section thirty five and the North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section thirty four in Township one North of Range eleven East in the District of lands subject to sale at Augusta, Mississippi containing Eighty acres and one hundredths of an acre according to the official plat of the Survey of the said lands, returned to the General land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL which said tracts have been purchased by the said William H. Stennett.

NOW KNOW YE, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration and conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said William H. Stennett and to his heirs, the said tracts above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatever nature, therunto belonging, unto the said William H. Stennett and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I James Buchanan PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the Second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty nine and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the Eighty third.

BY THE PRESIDENT: James Buchanan

By G.J. Albright Secretary

J. N. Granger, RECORDER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

¹now Paulding

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BOUNTY LAND GRANT¹

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING:

WHEREAS, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the military services of the United States", there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 18720 for 160 acres, in favor of William H. Stennett Corporal Captain Craig's Company Tennessee Militia War 1812 with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the South West Quarter Section twelve in Township four North of Range twelve East in the district of lands formerly subject to sale at Augusta,² Mississippi, containing one hundred and forty seven acres and thirty five hundredths of an acre.

According to the Official Plat of the Survey of said land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General the said warrant having been assigned by the said William H. Stennett to Joseph E. I. Craven in whose favor said tract has been located:

NOW KNOW YE, that there is therefore granted by the United States unto the said Joseph E. I. Craven as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs the tract of land above described. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of land, with appurtenances thereof, unto the said Joseph E. I. Craven as Assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, James Buchanan PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the Tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty, and of the INDEPENDENCE of the United States the eighty fourth.

BY THE PRESIDENT — James Buchanan

By: J. A. B. Leonard, Sec'y.

J. N. Granger Recorder of the General Land

The William Hightower Stennett family loaded up the wagon with the bare essentials for camping and the farm tools, and started on the long journey of over 500 miles over the Trace Road most of the way. Marion County is in Southern Mississippi. Part of its boundary is common with the boundary with Louisiana. It is part of the FIRST CHOCTAW CESSION obtained from the Tribe in 1805, which was the first cession after the NACHEZ DISTRICT was obtained by treaty of 1801. The Indian Cession Map is found on page 60.

¹ Patent book 1 page 417
² now Paulding

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There were no records found as to the activities and whereabouts of this family in Marion County and when they moved to Jasper County. I examined the 1830 census of Marion County and found no Stennetts listed. Records from descendants of Willis give his birthplace and time as Jasper County, 1830. I cannot dispute that statement, it must be from a Bible entry. But Jasper County was still Indian Territory until 1830 when THE THIRD CHOCTAW CESSION became final. Settlement probably took place before the Cession became final. Hence, the family probably settled there sometime before, or on 1830. Then, by this accounting, Simeon must have been born in Marion County. This family seemed to migrate from place to place as new lands were opened for settlement, until they reached Jasper County where they seemingly had a more permanent home. Though I do not know where they first settled and whether or not the land patent Hightower received in 1856 adjoined, or was near, to the place where they first settled. He may have owned more land than the patents land.

The author(s) of the Bible record speak of the Stennett Springs on the Hightower farm; and that the gum curbing was still there and the springs were still in use at that time. Now that location of the patented lands are known I hope that some relatives will take an interest in trying to discover the springs, and also try to find the graves of Hightower and Elizabeth. H. H. Daniel, Jasper County Historian could not supply any cemetery records because of court house fires which destroyed most of the records. The Meridian Public Library had no obituary records either. There may have been a family burial ground on the farms. Though Paulding and Moss would also be likely places since Bay Springs was not established until 1906.

The 1830 census of Copia County, Mississippi:

Hightower as head of Household, males 2 under 10, male 1 - 10-20, male 20-30 (Hightower born 1800-1810) females 4 under 10, female 1 - 10-20, female 20-30, wife (born 1800-1810). The male grouping could include Simeon 1826, and Willis, 1830 for the group of 2 under 10, and the male 10-20 could be William E., born 1816.

This record concerns the author because of the Hightower name and that the ages of the male children could fit the three brothers that I have mentioned. However these data are confusing in that the earliest date of birth of both husband and wife is 1800. They would be only 16 years old at the birth of William E. Stennett. Secondly, Willis was born in Jasper County. Thirdly, it seems unlikely that this Hightower would be born in Virginia, migrate to Tennessee, thence to Mississippi, and marry Elizabeth, an English lady, all before reaching age 16. There are eight children in this family in 1830, which is many for that age parents. I have presented information which puts William Hightower in in the right places at the right time to meet the test of being the father to these three brothers. Therefore, I accept that premise, and reject the idea of this Hightower in Copia, County as being the father to those brothers. That family was not found in Jasper County in the 1850 census. Cousin Colvert Stennett, Laurel, Mississippi reported that his grandfather talked about a William Hightower.

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From "The History of Jasper County"

To the readers of this book:

My purpose of this book is to help you who are working up your family history, who at one time lived in Jasper County, Mississippi. I hope to show you why there are not more records in Jasper County. Just a short history of Jasper County.

Jasper County was formed in 1833. It was named in honor of Sargent Jasper. Jasper County was acquired from the Choctaw Indians. The Indians called it "Dancing rabbit territory".

Paulding was the first County Seat of Jasper County. Paulding is called the "Queen City" of the east. Paulding was named in honor of Major Paulding. Paulding Court House was burned in 1841 by one Negro, who was hired by one white man. The Negro was paid one pint of whiskey for burning the court house. The reason was the white man wanted a new one built but the county wouldn't do so. Then he had it burned. It was rebuilt in 1842. Then that one burned in 1932 of unknown origin. It was rebuilt in 1933.

Bay Springs was the second County Seat of Jasper County. Bay Springs was established in 1906. All the records were transferred from Paulding to Bay Springs for the west half of the County. These records didn't get burned in the fire at Paulding in 1932. Bay Springs is named after the springs in Jasper County. There are mineral springs around a Bay Tree, that is where she got her name.

Jasper County is noted for its springs. Stafford Springs located 1 1/2 miles south of Vossburg, sells mineral water world wide. Donald Springs is located 1 1/2 miles west of Vossburg. The way these minerals were found was that some boys were wading in the water and they had ground itch on their feet. They got well after wading, so the people knew it was medicine. Mineral Springs, near Montrose, is known for sulphur and alum.

I worked every cemetery in the County that I could find for the cemetery records. The wills were copied from the court house in Paulding in 1905. The land grants were in the court house. They were sent to the court houses from Jackson, MS from the land grant office.

If you want any records other than what is in this book, I will be glad to get it for you if they have it in the county. I have a list of the land deeds that were transferred to Bay Springs in 1906 and also a list of the ones in Paulding that were re-recorded after the fire in 1933. If I can be of any help write me at this address.¹

H. H. Daniel²

¹H. H. Daniel

Cemetery records 1834-1905, Mississippi
Index of Wills and Land Grants 1834-1905

²History of Jasper County, Mississippi by H. H. Daniel, Rt. 1, Box 58 Bay Springs, MS 39422 was obtained from the Meridian Public Library, 5517 Seventh Street, Meridian, MS.

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William H. Stennett

To add a little more interest to this story I include the text of a letter addressed to Mr. Robert H. Douglass, Bedford County, Va. Charley Mount Office. There was no date, postmarked on folded letter Dec. 6 year ??, before envelopes were used.

Knox County, State of Tennessee

"Dear Robert I sette my self on desember the 4 on Sunday Morning to writee to you as I hope you have not forgotten me. I have search the office time after time when I heard you had Returned from the west heard from your Boy Jennings on his way to Masouro. I received your letter that you wrote to me when you were at Bob Douglass' which gives me much satisfaction to hear from you and was overjoyed to think you thought wood visit our Country Went and filed my cag with good old Whisky but to my sad disapoint you did not come. Robert if you had of come how glad it wood of Beane to of sene you you wood of stopt over and sine us. I will now tell you of our helth and situation. We are well at Present thanks be to God for his Nurses. (?) Hoping when these lines come to hand it may find you and mother and sisters well. We are still living on the grate holsten River and Expect to stay again which will be 3 years at 150 dollars and ??????. I have my house well set out with furniture and Plenty of everything to go upon. Robert not as I am braging to you I stand high hear it is not like when we was with old Mose Sneade a Scoundral Jennings tells me he is Broke all to Peases and I am glad of it. Robert our Country is getting up th likes there never was Line 3 acres of land was sold in the Edg of Knoxville for ten thousand dollars Bout at Lynchburg if you can the Row Rode is nearly in site of me the Reeks Bumoting makes me think of James River Caneal. to morrow I kill my hogs and send them to town to my employers the weather with us at this time is cold anuf to kill do write to me All the nuse of your Country. Pork is going off a 4 dollars corn is worth 40 to 50 cents p. Bushel. We have a ???????? mill will ??????? in a few days that will grind 400 Bushels a day a ?????? shop that does all kinds of work the likes never ever sene.

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Robert I of times think of old Virginia But when I think of destenstion a mong the People. Our Majestrates hear worke hear in on their own Plantation Every Person hear that is Respectible is all alike. Sherifs and leading Correctors hear dont wride over People. My neighbears live hear in fine Brick houses we oftimes get fish in our trap that weigh from 20 to 30 pounds. tell Frank Cobs if he is a Carpenter he can get 10 dollars ??????. give Moses Pen Cap. John turpen my complements. I mus conclude my letter By saying God Bless you And all family is the ?????? ??????? of your friends Margatt my wife sends all love to you all. Give Benjamin hopsen and wife my love so write to me.

?????????? I am your friend
John Stinnett

Robert H. Douglass

Rede my letter over and over for I make Mistakes in writing
When I am ful ¹

¹from Mrs. Eleanor Harris, 1716 Greenwood Ave., Nashville, Tennessee 37206, from a collection of Jack Noell, 419 Avenel St., Bedford, Va. 24523

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Author's note: "I make Mistakes in writing when I am full". I think he had been into that cag of whiskey that had been full when he expected Robert.

Other Gleanings:

In the 1790's a store bought waistcoat cost from \$1.75 to \$2.00.

A cheap suit including coat, vest, breeches sold as low as \$1.75; none sold for more than \$6.50.

Breeches (Knee pants) around \$3.00, stockings 50¢, overalls around \$4.50.

Wages were 50¢ a day for men, 25¢ a day for women, in the cities. None were listed for farm labor.

The following poem was gleaned about a seedy character in the Valley of the Cumberland. Author unknown.

A dingy hat compounded of wool
Closely confined his empty skull.
Beneath short hair in Baptist dock
With vermin strung in every lock,
His little eyes both sore and red
Were sunk an inch within his head;
O'er which a pair of eyebrows rose,
Shading the wart upon his nose.

The old blue coat kept for parade
Was clean 'tis true, but badly made;
His breeches I can't tell whether
Deer or cow once owned the leather,
But I'm sure I know full well
They greasy were and black as hell.
His stockings were of sable hue
And leather strings confined his shoe.

SNOW FLAKES ARE SUCH FRAGILE THINGS. BUT JUST THINK WHAT
THEY CAN DO WHEN THEY STICK TOGETHER.

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The Stennetts of America

BENJAMIN M. STENNETT

- Benjamin M. Stennett (1-2-2)
b. Oct. 22, 1792, VA
m. Betsy Ann Matthews
c. Sarah Sallie (Vandevander) (1-2-2-1) [I]*
 b. 1820, Davidson County, TN
 m. William Levi Vandevander (Vandeuorder)
William C. (1-2-2-2) [II]*
 b. Nov. 1822, Davidson County, TN
Artey Mishia (1-2-2-3) [III]*
 b. Dec. 1, 1824, Davidson County, TN
George L. (1-2-2-4) [IV]*
 b. April 4, 1826, Davidson County, TN
 m. Elizabeth Martin
 d. Dec. 24, 1928
 d. 1899
Benjamin Merrit (Masson) (1-2-2-5) [V]*
 b. Sep. 24, 1828¹, Davidson County, TN
 m. (1) Rebecca Pate
 (2) Sallie Finch
Willoughber Welfar (Willbur) W. (1-2-2-6) [VI]*
 b. Oct. 16, 1832, Davidson County, TN
 m. Nancy Miller
 d. 1904
Thomas A. (1-2-2-7) [VII]*
 b. Oct. 1835, Kemper County, MS
 m. Dacia Green
 d. 1902
Mary Jane (Kizer) (1-2-2-8) [VIII]*
 b. Feb 5, 1837, Kemper County, MS
 m. Taby (Toby?) Kizer
Elizabeth Ann (Tyra) (1-2-2-9) [IX]*
 b. Jan. 1, 1841
 m. Elisha H. Tyra

* This is the numbering system used By Helen Vance in the addendum.

Benjamin M. Stennett is a brother of William H. (Hightower) Stennett (1-2-1). Mrs. Lester E. (Maureen) Crow supplied the following information.²

¹Sept. 24, 1828 in the family bible.

²Mrs. Lester E. (Maureen) Crow, 102 Elm St., Booneville, MS 38829

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Benjamin M. Stennett, Sr.

Benjamin M. Stennett (Senior) was born, according to the Stennett family Bible, on October 23, 1792.¹ Census records and information in his application for an 1812 war pension supports this date.² He was born in Virginia³ probably in Amherst County - Virginia tax lists of 1783 and 1785, and the 1810 Virginia census lists Stennetts (or Stinnetts, another spelling I've seen) in that county only.⁴

Benjamin M. Stennett must have been in Tennessee by the fall of 1814, as he enlisted in the regiment for that state in the War of 1812. His military service record and application for pension at the National Archives show that he served from September 28, 1814, through May 1, 1815, as a volunteer in Capt. Robert Evans' Co., 1st Regiment Mounted Gunmen (Dyer's) Tennessee Volunteers, General John Coffee's brigade. In his pension application (made in 1873) he gave only a brief description of his service. He states that after volunteering, he was marched to Fayetteville, Tennessee and remained there about two weeks, then proceeding to Pensacola, Florida, and from there to New Orleans.⁵ His Brigade was under General Andrew Jackson and took part in the Battle of New Orleans.

Andrew Jackson called for troops on September 9, 1814, after it was discovered that the British had plans to attack the Gulf Coast. Tennessee soon filled her quota of men, and some men even paid for places in the draft. The troops joined General Jackson at Mobile, and from there marched to Pensacola. Coffee's men had to abandon their horses because of the difficulty of securing forage for them. Pensacola was taken from the Spainards in early November and secured against the British. Then the hard march across country to New Orleans began. The route taken by Coffee's brigade ran through pine forests and cypress swamps. It rained constantly; many of the horses died from overwork and hunger. At New Orleans, Coffee's brigade took an active part in the battles on December 23rd and on January 8, 1815.⁶

Benjamin Stennett's military service record shows that he was paid 8 dollars per month, or a total of \$57.06, plus 1 dollar travelling allowance for rations and forage not received in kind, plus 40 cents a day for his horse (about \$12 per month, more than he received) or \$86.40, making a total of 144.46 for 216 days service.

¹Stennett family Bible (of Benjamin M. Stennett Sr. and his wife) in the possession of Mrs. Lulu (Britnell) Ryan of Hughes, Arkansas, I understand that the old Bible is in bad shape and the title page cannot be located to give its publication date. A note in Elizabeth Ann (Matthews) Stennett's affidavit in the pension application - the note seems to have been added and not part of her affidavit - mentions a Bible dated A.D. 1828.

²1850 census, Tishomingo Co. Miss., p. 97; 1860 Tishomingo census, p. 199; 1870 Prentiss Co., Miss., census, p. 447. 1812 war pension application file no. W.C. 24228 in National Archives.

³Ibid.

⁴VA "1790 census"; Crickard - 1810 census index.

⁵Military service record and pension application file Archives.

⁶Clayton, "History of Davidson County", pp. 82-83.

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There is also a service file at the archives for Benjamin Stennett in the 1st Regiment Mounted (Perkins) West Tennessee Volunteers from December 20, 1813 to February 8, 1814. This regiment was probably among the Tennessee volunteers who served under Jackson toward the end of the Creek War in Florida.¹ This service is not mentioned on Benjamin M. Stennett's pension application and I do not know whether it was the same man.

On October 12, 1820, age 28, in Davidson County, Tenn. (the county of Nashville), Benjamin Stennett married Elizabeth Ann Matthews (Betsy Ann in the family Bible). William Herrin was minister.² (According to the pension application, neither has previously married.) The Stennett Bible gives her birth date as August 12, 1812, but this must be a mistake. Perhaps it should be 1802. Most of the census records and her statement of her age in her application for a widows pension would indicate a date of 1801. She too was born in Virginia.³

When she made application for the widow's pension, Elizabeth Ann (Matthews) Stennett gave the following description of her husband at the time of his service:
"Age 26 years, fair complexion, blue eyes, auburn hair, 5 ft. 11 in. high, farmer."

She also said that she and her husband had lived in Tennessee until 1833 and then moved to Mississippi, where they had lived ever since. The 1820 and 1830 censuses show them living in Davidson County Tennessee.⁴ In 1840 they lived in Kemper County, Mississippi; in 1850 and 1860 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi; and in 1870 in Prentiss County, Mississippi.⁵

Judging from the date of her parent's marriage, the fact that she is the first child listed, and her age in the census records, Sarah Stennett must have been born in the latter part of 1821. The date for Artemishia should probably be 1829. The first seven children were born in Tennessee, the last two in Mississippi, which must have been Kemper County, Mississippi; the number and ages of children listed in the 1830 and 1840 census seems to indicate that they died young, before 1830.⁶

¹ Clayton, Hist. Davidson Co., pp. 80-81.

² Pension application file; DAR - Davidson Co. Marriages

³ 1850 census, Tishomingo Co. Miss., p. 97; 1860 Tishomingo census, p. 199; 1870 Prentiss Co., Miss., census, p. 447. 1812 war pension application file no. W.C. 24228 in National Archives.

⁴ U. S. Census Office, Tenn. Census Reports (1810 and 1820, 1810 census exists for only one county in Tennessee, not Davidson); 1830 census Davidson Co. p. 231.

⁵ 1840 census Kemper County, Mississippi, p. 16. Ibid.

⁶ The 1830 Davidson Co. census, op. cit., shows 3 children in the Stennett family - 2 males under 5, which would fit George L. and Benjamin M. (using birthdates from the family Bible); and 1 female 5-10, probably Sarah (assuming Artemishia's correct date to be 1829, and knowing that Sarah is shown in later census). Artemishia and William C. According to the Bible were born in 1822 and 1829 or 1824 respectively, and should have been listed in 1830. The 1840 Kemper County census shows these children: males 1 under 5, would be Thomas A.; 1 between 5 and 10, probably Willoughber W.; and 2 between 10 and 15, who would be George L. and Benjamin Jr. There are three female children; 1 under 5 or Mary J., 1 between 5 and 10, probably Elizabeth Ann, and another 10-15 who could be Artemishia, or possibly a mistake in Sarah's age. Sarah was probably married by this time, as the 1850 census shows her with a son born about 1840. I am told she married a

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The Stennetts were probably in Tishomingo County by 1848. On February 4, of that year, Benjamin Stennett bought about 320 acres, in section 27, township 6, range 8 east of Tishomingo Co., from Elijah Oliver.⁷ (They sold this land to Bird Whitley in 1859.)⁸

When Benjamin Stennett made his application for pension in 1873, he and his family were living near Marietta (near Boonville) in Prentiss Co. He was awarded a pension of \$8.00 per month. Three years later, on July 30, 1876 he died at his home. (A statement by the family doctor included in her pension file, made to substantiate Elizabeth Stennett's claim, mentions a 'last illness'.) In 1879, his widow, then living in Hazel Dell, Prentiss County, applied for a widow's pension. She made a statement to a justice of the peace - her son, George L. Stennett - that '... by reason of extreme age general debility & all constitutional powers failing ...' she could not travel to a court to make her declaration for pension. She did receive her pension also \$8.00 dollars per month.

Benjamin Stennett's daughter Elizabeth Ann married Elisha H. Tyra in Tishomingo County on November 19, 1857. Her history is continued with that of the Tyras."

The following three documents pertain to Benjamin M. Stennett, born September 24, 1828, and a son of Benjamin M. Stennett - 1792. Some of the words in the documents were not clear, some indistinguishable.⁹

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI CHANCERY COURT, County of Prentiss, October 10, 1883.

To the Hon. Baxter McFarland Chancellor of the 1st Chancery Dist. of Mississippi.

Your petitioners George Stennett and F. M. Kizer would respectfully represent and show unto the honorable Court as follows - That on the 7th day of May 1883 B. M. Stennett a resident citizen of Prentiss County, Mississippi departed this life intestate¹⁰ leaving surviving him his widow Sarah Stennett and a number of minor children. That he died seized and possessed of the the following personal property to wit: 6 cows, 9 head of yearlings, 18 head of hogs, 2 mules and 24 head of sheep all supposed to be worth about three hundred seventy nine or eighty dollars and notes accounts some of which are worthless, the good on those which can be collected amounting probably to the sum of five or six hundred dollars the entire estate aggregating in value the sum of eight or nine hundred dollars.

Vandevander, and she is Sarah Vandevander. In 1850, 1860 and 1870 census there were 3 Vandevander families living near the Stennetts in 1840; a Levi Vandevander - seems I heard she married Levi - was next door. His household included a female and a child (male) of the right ages.
U. S. Census Office, Tennessee Census.
U. S. Census Office, Tennessee Census.
These three documents were furnished by Mrs. Maureen Crow.
Without a will.

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Your petitioners would further show that they are over the age of 21 and legally qualified to administer upon the estate of B. M. Stennett died and the widow of the decedent has requested them to administer and they herewith file their written ????????? in their favor.
It would further show that there are no others entitled to distributions legally qualified to administer upon said estate residing in this state.

The premises considered petition and pray the Court to grant them letters of administration upon the estate of said decedant and ???????? as in duty bound they will ever pray.

G. L. Stennett (sig.)
F. M. Kizer (sig.)

Sworn to and Subscribed this 22nd day of September 1883.

P. W. Nash Chancery Court

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI CHANCERY COURT, April term 1890

In Re: of B. M. Stennett dec'd:

Be it remembered that on this day the 16th day of April 1890 the same being a day of the regular term of the Chancery Court of Prentiss County, Miss., come on to be heard and was heard by the Honorable Baxter McFarland, Chancellor of its Chancery District of Miss. the final account of F. M. Kizer and G. L. Stennett administrators of the estate of B. M. Stennett dec'd and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that all disbursements made by the said adm's. were properly supported by legal vouchers with all sums that had come into their hands as such adm's. and they were properly chargeable against them - that said final account is in no wise excepted to.

It is further appearing that due and legal notice had been given to all parties entitled to notice. Therefore it is ordered and adjudged and decreed that said final account be allowed.

It is ordered that said adm's. be allowed 5 per cent commission on the sum of \$ 693 dollars, the sum administered on them - It is further ordered that said adm's be allowed credit on their inventory for all claims due said decedant, and returned by them uncollected as set forth in their final account.

It is further ordered that said administrators pay the costs that still remains unpaid in the administration, and the balance they make distribution among the heirs according to their interests therein. And it appears that B. M. Stennett Jr., Sara Rebecca Stennett, John F. Stennett, Hightower Stennett and Dalton Stennett are minors and that their shares are such less than two hundred dollars and that they have no legal guardian. It is further appearing that G. L. Stennett, their uncle is a citizen of said county and state and a prudent and proper person to receive the shares of said minors.

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It is ordered that said adm's pay over the shares of said minors to the said G. L. Stennett and after making said distribution as herein directed that said adm's be and are hereby discharged - ordered and adjudged and decreed.

Baxter McFarland
Chancellor (seal)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI CHANCERY COURT

TO THE SHERIFF of Prentiss County - GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to summon Sara Stennett, B. M. Stennett Jr., Sara Rebecca Stennett, John F. Stennett, Hightower Stennett and Dalton Stennett if to be found in your County, to be and personally appear before the Chancery Court of Prentiss County at the Court House of said county in the town of Boonville on the second Monday of April 1890, then and there to show cause why the final account of F. M. Kizer & G. L. Stennett administrators of the estate of B. M. Stennett Dec'd should not be allowed.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Writ.

Issued under my hand and seal of said court, at office, in Boonville the 11th day of Mch. 1890.

W. H. Rees - Clerk.

Helen Vance's geanology, included at the end of this book, ties in here.

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The Stennetts in America

WILLIAM E. STENNETT

- William E. Stennett (1-2-1-1)
b. Dec. 1, 1816, Davidson County, TN
m. Dicy Raborn, Oct. 26, 1848
b. Dec. 9, 1833, MS
d. Nov. 16, 1885, Mize, Smith County, MS
f. Raborn
b. Ireland
m.
b. Tennessee
d. Sept. 17, 1886, Mize, Smith County, MS
c. William Romeulus "Rome" (1-2-1-1-1)
b. Aug. 10, 1850, Jasper Co., MS
George Washington (1-2-1-1-2)
b. Jan. 20, 1852, Jasper Co., MS
Benjamin Hightower (1-2-1-1-3)
b. Sept. 4, 1853, Jasper Co., MS
Mary E. (1-2-1-1-4)
b. June 9, 1855, Jasper Co., MS
Dicy M. (1-2-1-1-5)
b. Aug. 11, 1857, Jasper Co., MS
d. March 22, 1876
Drewery B. (1-2-1-1-6)
b. Aug. 27, 1859, Jasper Co., MS
m. Margaret Norris
Susan (1-2-1-1-7)
b. May 8, 1861, Jasper Co., MS
Vashti (1-2-1-1-8)
b. Nov. 22, 1862, Jasper Co., MS
Nancy (1-2-1-1-9)
b. Oct. 7, 1864, Jasper Co., MS
John (1-2-1-1-10)
b. Jan. 12, 1867, Jasper Co., MS
d. Feb. 28, 1897
Willis (1-2-1-1-11)
b. April 29, 1868, Jasper Co., MS
d. March 28, 1938
Thomas W. (1-2-1-1-12), Jasper Co., MS
b. July 1, 1870

William E. Stennett was born in Davidson County, Tennessee on December 1, 1816 according to his family Bible, which is now in the possession of Douglass Stennett. William "Bill", was born at an interesting time in the history of our nation. A period of the opening for settlement of vast areas of land in the south and west. Indeed the United States was a very young nation. But young Bill had only the concerns and problems of a child growing up in Tennessee and Mississippi. There were always jobs assigned to each child as they were old enough to do chores and odd jobs. As they grew older the job assignments grew with them.

¹Presently residing in Corvallis, Oregon.

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Like all boys of that era of time Bill became proficient with an axe, a gun, and at trapping and fishing. Buildings and fences were made of logs and poles taken from the farm land that had to be cleared. Wood also provided the source of heat for cooking and house warmth - jobs which kept the boys and men busy during work time. The woods and streams had an abundance of game to hunt and trap, and fish. These natural resources provided extra benefits for the family.

Schools were few and far between. Sessions were held at times that did not interfere much with farming activities. Many of these settler's children learned to read and write and do simple arithmetic (cipher) which was generally considered sufficient education for all but those who would enter the professions. Bill had the usual schooling for farm boys.

Bill moved with his family to Marion County, Mississippi, and was recorded in the 1820 census (only three years after Mississippi became a State). The Indian Cession Map on the next page shows the various Choctaw and Chickasaw Cessions that were obtained from the Indian Tribes by treaty of purchase. Marion County was in the First Cession of 1805. Jasper and Smith Counties were in the Third Cession of 1830, and Tishomingo County was in the Cession of 1832. These virgin lands provided a great lure to catch the pioneer, the Stennetts included. No doubt there was a large Indian population when they arrived there. The lives and adventures of this family would have made a best seller if only they had recorded those events. Previously I visualized that the family followed the Natchez-Trace road to get to Marion County. They surely took that route to the Pearl River, thence by barge into Marion County.

1850 census of Jasper County, Mississippi:

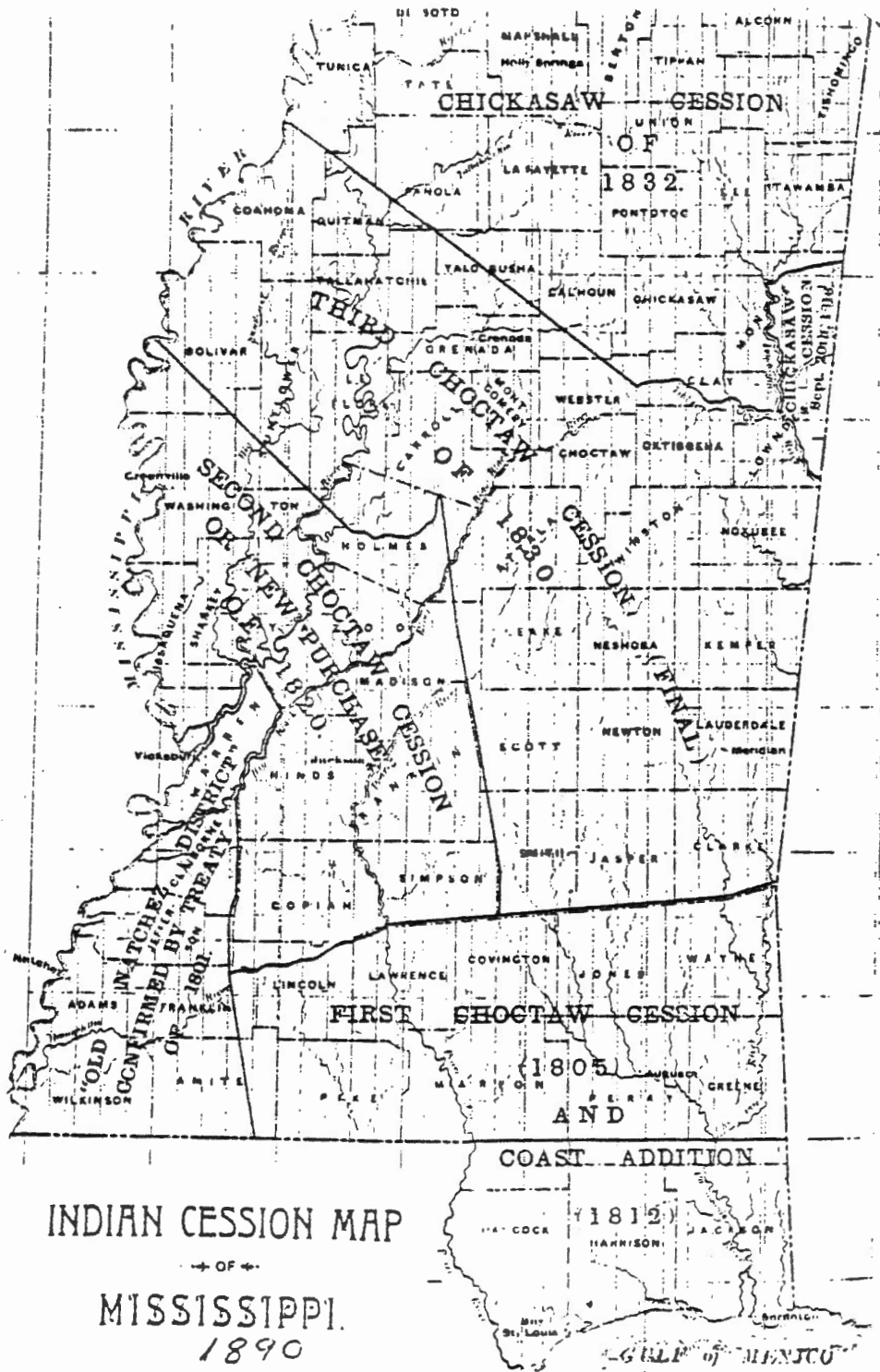
WILLIAM E. STENNETT, age 25 (should be 33), farmer, born in Tennessee; wife Dicy Raborn, age 16, born in Mississippi. No children listed in this household. The William E. Stennett Bible records his wife as Dicy Raborn, the census records her as Dicy. Some family records list her as Mary.

Now I pick up the life of Bill and Dicy on October 26, 1848, the date of Bill's marriage to Dicy Raborn. Bill was 32 years old and Dicy was 15.

In section on William H. Stennett I have shown the description of land patents obtained by Bill and Wiss, and their father William Hightower. Bill had 120 acres from his patent. Hightower had 80 from his patent. I did not get the acreage obtained by Wiss. Since the Hightower family was in Jasper County in 1830 or before, it is likely that the father and all three brothers owned lands before these patents were issued. Unfortunately, tax, and other vital records for this period of time were destroyed by fire. I cannot report the land ownerships, and other vital statistics that would be very useful.

Bill's land patents follow the Indian Cession Map. His land ownership was large for that time period. If it was all tillable (not swampy) when cleared, it would have required much animal and man power to clear and farm it. He probably owned slaves; especially if he had other lands besides the patented lands.

William E. Stennett



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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE No. 9308

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS William E. Stennett of Jasper County, Mississippi has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE, at Augusta¹ whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said William E. Stennett according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April 1820, entitled "An Act making further provisions for the sale of Public Lands", for the South East quarter of the South East quarter of Section Eighteen, in Township one North of Range Eleven East, in the District of land subject to sale at Augusta, Mississippi containing Thirty nine acres and Ninety hundredths of an acre according to the official plat of the Survey of said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by said William E. Stennett.

NOW KNOW YE, that the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the acts of Congress, in said case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto said William E. Stennett and to his heirs, the said tract above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said William E. Stennett and his heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I Franklin Pierce PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the fifteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, the Seventy Eighth.

BY THE PRESIDENT: Franklin Pierce.

By Jno. H. Wheeler, Assistant Sec'y

J. N. Granger RECORDER of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

¹now Paulding

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE No. 14209 ¹

This Certificate is for William E. Stennett for lands described as follows:
The South West quarter of the South West quarter of Section Seventeen and the
Northeast quarter of the South East quarter of Section Eighteen in Township one
North, of Range Eleven, East in the district of land subject to sale at Auguste,
Mississippi, containing seventy nine acres and ninety one hundredth of an acre.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, James Buchanan, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, have caused the letters to be made PATENT, and the Seal
of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the Second day of April ..
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty and the
INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the eighty fourth.

BY THE PRESIDENT: James Buchanan

By J. A. B. Leonard Secretary
J. N. Granger RECORDER of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE

This place must have been where Bill and Dicy raised their family. The William
and Dicy Stennett Bible confirms the Family data in the first of this section.

Except for my father Willis, I know very little about this family. Uncle Tom was
never married, visited our family once in California when I was in my teens. But I
did not ask about genealogical matters from him, or my father at that young age.
I have some information about the Drewery family. The survivors or these children
should record what history they know.

The farming in this period of time was done with horse or mule power, and the
labor of men and women. The machinery that was used was improved over that of
a generation earlier. The Industrial revolution was beginning in America. Farming
began to show signs of improved methods of production.

The farmers of the New World "thought big" and aggressively developed into some-
thing big, while the Old World continued to use old fashioned methods as they had
no need to increase farm power. Their farming units were small. Even the large
land owners rented their land in small family size tracts. This new world concept
encouraged innovation and invention leading to improved machinery - both on farm
and in agri-business concerned with processing the farm produce. The cotton gin
a good example of the advancing technology. In 1831 Cyrus McCormick brought
into service the reaper, which eventually replaced the hand scythe and cradle
was a way to mechanically cut and shock grain²

¹The same format is used in this certificate as for Certificate No. 9308 on the
previous page.

²This and the following information was taken from research of my wife, Lucie
The narrative is in my own words, not quoted.

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Political leaders, Adams and Jefferson among them, recognized the need for new farming methods for American agriculture. Jefferson personally tried to design a threshing machine and plow share that would not "gum up" with the clay soils. Both attempts failed, but did not detract from the idea. With the single bottom walking plow of that time, it took a twelve hour day to plow an acre in clay soils. The farmer has to file the share blade once or twice a day because of poor steel. The share did not scower and turn a clean slice of soil necessitating frequent stops to clean the share. Sandy soils were a pleasure to work compared to the clay and heavy loams.

During the period of 1837 - 1866, the United States had a series of bad depressions. Banks went broke, many farmers too. So the farmers headed West where the land was free. When they reached St. Louis and Western Missouri in 1838 it took lots of courage to tackle the huge expanse of emptiness, the Prairies. About this time an Oregon Missionary toured the East giving lectures on the new land of Milk and Honey. This was the beginning of the Oregon Trail in 1841.¹ Evidently our ancestors did not go west during this time of depressions. I have heard no stories to the contrary.

We know from history that the South was a "one crop economy", cotton. The farms probably had a little patch of hay for the horses and mules and a milk cow, a farm yard of chickens, a few pigs for home slaughter, and probably some corn for human and animal consumption, and maybe distilled spirits. Corn was hauled to the mill and made into meal, one of the food staples. The main enterprise was cotton-cotton-cotton! With essentially no crop rotation and poor land management, the lands were farmed until they were worn out. Then the settlers sought new lands to move to and start over. Unfortunately, such land management practices continued long after there were no more good virgin lands to move to. Because of the agricultural structure, most of the small, marginal land owners, and the share-cropper had no choice. They had to continue cash cropping cotton in order to pay the in-put costs that were financed by the banks at high interest rates. These farmers had barely enough cash and credit to eke out an existence. I hope and believe, that the Stennetts with the amount of land they owned, must have been in better financial condition than the other farmers. I have it in my memory that some of them had slaves, indicating a better than average economic condition.

This family lived through the period of the Civil War and beyond. This was a sad and unfortunate time in our Nation's history.

Grandfather Bill and great uncles Simmie and Wiss, fought in that war for the Confederacy. Bill enlisted at Paulding, Mississippi, as a Private in Company G, Captain Nixon's Company of the Cavalry. A copy of Bill's Muster Roll is included on the following page. The one sheet for Bill shows only sketchy records. The enlistment is not complete. We can assume enlistment was April 16, 1864, as Nixon's Company of Cavalry was organized April 12, 1864.

End of data from Lucille.

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The Civil War was a bitterly fought war, pitting citizen against citizen, perhaps even brother against brother, and cousin against cousin. It is not my intent to dwell upon the war and its hardships and horrors, but only to relate it to the times that our ancestors lived. However I will tell of one incident which my mother (Ida Norris) told about. Her mother (Caroline Blakely at that time, later to become Norris) who was a child at that time, told the story to my mother. The Armies lived off the land as much as they could. In this story, the men folks were in the Army. They left the wife and children behind to care for the farm and fend for themselves as best they could. They had some pigs that they turned out in the woods hoping the army would not find all of them. They hoped they would at least leave some for slaughter. But the Army took them all along with farm chickens and produce that they could find with the apology of "sorry mam", leaving that family destitute.

During that war, the amount allowed by the government to clothe the Northern soldier was 40 dollars for one year, which included cap, blouse, overcoat, dress coat, trousers, shirts, drawers, socks, shoes, a woolen and a rubber blanket. If that outfit did not last a year, any additional issue was charged against the soldiers pay. The Southern soldier did not fare as well.

A copy of Bill's Muster Roll, and Lincoln's Gettysburg address and Confederate money¹ on the next four pages concludes my brief narrative on the Civil War.

PROGRESS IS MAN'S ABILITY TO COMPLICATE SIMPLICITY.

¹The Gettysburg address is supposedly in Lincoln's handwriting.

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W. E. STENNETT (BILL)

(Confederate.)

2 | I Cavalry Reserves. | Miss.

W. E. Stennett

2nd, Capt. G. Nixon's Company of Cavalry.*

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for *2/21/2*, 1864, when organized,
to *4/6/30*, 1864.

Enlisted:
When *10 24*, 186
Where *Pennington*
By whom *Edw. Nixon*
Period *War*

Last paid:
By whom _____

To what time _____, 186

Present or absent *Present*

Remarks:

* This company subsequently became Company B, 1st Regiment Mississippi Cavalry Reserves.
The 1st Regiment Mississippi Cavalry Reserves was formed about September 3, 1864, by the addition of three companies to the seven companies constituting the 1st Battalion Mississippi Cavalry Reserves.

Book mark: _____

J. J. Neil

(642) _____

name appears in column
of "Names Present" as
W. E. Stennett

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*Address delivered at the dedication of the
Cemetery at Gettysburg.*

Four score and seven years ago our fathers
brought forth on this continent, a new na-
tion, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated
to the proposition that all men are cre-
ated equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war,
testing whether that nation, or any nation
so conceived and so dedicated, can long
endure. We are met on a great battle field
of that war. We have come to dedicate a
portion of that field, as a final resting
place for those who here gave their lives,
that that nation might live. It is alto-
gether fitting and proper that we should
do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedi-
cate—we can not consecrate—we can not
hallow—this ground. The brave men, liv-
ing and dead, who struggled here, have con-
secrated it, far above our poor power to add

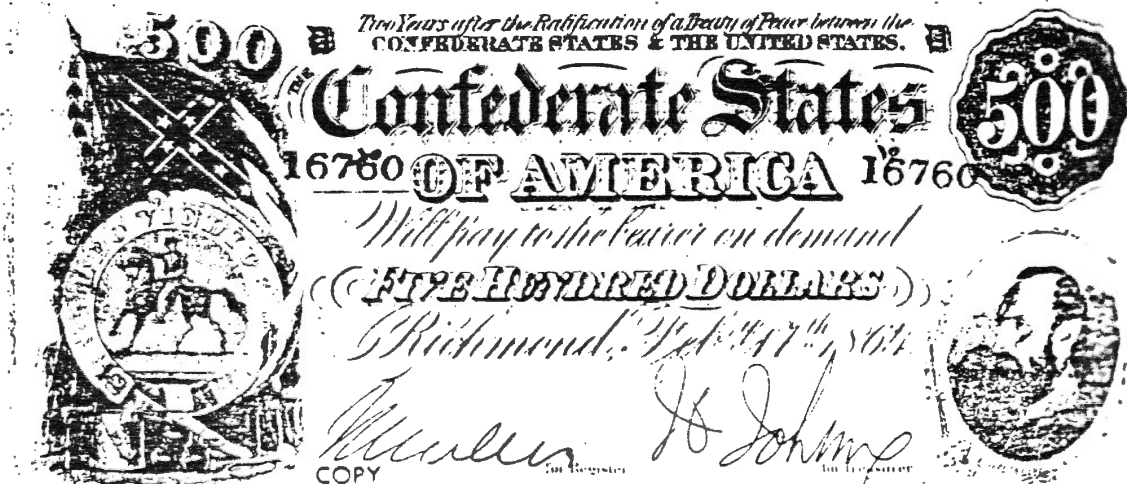
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or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln.

November 19. 1863.

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After the war was over Bill returned home to take up life at the point he had left it. He had left Dicy and eight children to take care of the farm when he enlisted. But life could not be the same. The South was devastated. This was the period of the "Reconstruction". Very, very, hard times ensued!

The family remained on the farm in Jasper county for almost twenty years. Willis and Thomas, the last two children, were born there. But sometime before 1880, the family moved to Smith County¹.

I have no record of when the William E. Stennett family moved to their farm about six miles north of Mize, Smith County. I do have a record of Bill purchasing 320 acres of land for \$1000 on December 28, 1885. Note Dicy died November 16, 1885. I wonder if the family lived at the Mize location at the time of her death. Or did Bill sell his farm in Jasper County and move the family there after her death because of the sorrows from losing a wife and mother? I believe that Bill was buried in a cemetery at what was then called Bezer, a community consisting of a trading post, church and cemetery, and school. This place is located between Raleigh and Mize. I believe only the church and cemetery presently exists. I am not certain of the burial place of Dicy. But maybe it would be in the same cemetery, which would indicate that the family moved to Mize before Dicy's death.

Carl Russell (related to the Norris Clan) has ancestors buried at, or near Bezer, in the "Ditch Cemetery". He did not find a gravemarker for Bill or Dicy. If their graves were marked only with rocks or wood, all the evidence of their burial there may be destroyed. County cemetery records were destroyed by fire. I hope that someone living in that vicinity will find out where William E. and Dicy are buried. I have not proven where they were laid to rest.

The land purchase transaction in Smith County is recorded here. Because the original did not copy well, a typed version is included.

EVIDENCE OF LAND TRANSFER² * Smith County, Mississippi

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Smith County. In consideration of the sum of One Thousand \$1000.00 Dollars I convey and warrant to W. E. Stennett the land described as follows: SW 1/4 of Sec. 16 and E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 17 and the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 20 and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 21 all of T. 1 N. R. 8 E.

WITNESS my signature the _____ day of _____ 189

T. J. FEAZELL

Seal.

¹1880 census of Smith County, Mississippi.

²The date blanks were left blank, but the entries on the balance of the page were dated 1893, for a recording date. Information from another source showed that the purchase was made December 28, 1885. It appears that the farm that William bought from T. J. Feazell may have been recorded in 1893 even though the actual purchase was made Dec. 28, 1885. It may have taken Bill this long to sell his land in Jasper Co. and pay over \$1000 for this farm. Thus, it is likely that Dicy died at this place.

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The purchased land area is shown on the plat on the next page, entitled THE STENNETT FARMS. An area map on the page after THE STENNETT FARMS shows the farm location in relation to the towns of Raleigh and Mize.

I do not know if this purchased land was virgin or part of it farmable when it was purchased. I know that the part that my father, Willis, acquired was mostly covered with trees and brush. I imagine that the sons that were home did most of the work on this place, since Bill lived less than a year after Dicy died. William E. Stennett died September 17, 1786, at the age of 70. Dicy was only 52 when she died.

The Industrial Revolution brought many improvements to Society as a whole. During the lifetime of Bill and Dicy, the farming industry and agri-business also had improvements. But the women did get a few of the benefits. The sewing machine was one great invention to lighten the work load of housewives. Another less noted invention was the safety pin. In my research I came across this article.

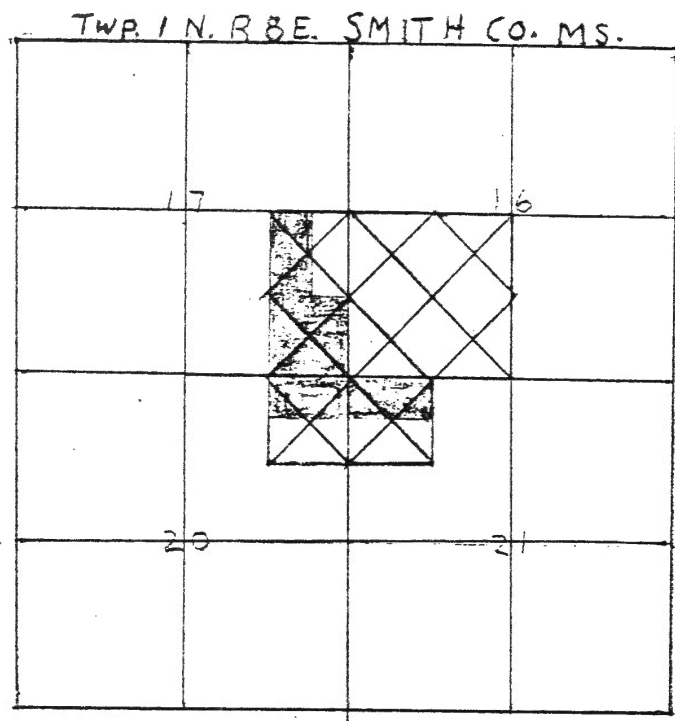
THE SAFETY PIN

How did anyone ever come up with the idea for the safety pin? Was it a mother or father looking for a better way to keep diapers together? No, it was a man in need of 15 dollars - fast. Seems Walter Hunt, a New York inventor, owed a friend that amount. And under pressure he came up with something he felt would sell. Something the world needed. It was 1825 and the time was ripe for a pin that would hold things together without sticking the wearer. Hunt came up with the idea for a clasp pin with a guard covering the point. He drew a sketch in less than three hours, made a model and sold the rights to his invention for 400 dollars. Which meant he had 385 dollars after he paid his debt.

Hunt must have had a thing for pins and needles. In 1832 he invented a crude sewing machine. But the idea didn't set well with seamstresses of the day. So he never bothered to patent it. Some years later Elias Howe reinvented the sewing machine.

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THE STENNETT FARMS



HATCHED AREA BOUGHT BY
W.E. STENNETT - DEC 28, 1885
320 ACRES - \$1000
SHADED AREA SOLD BY
W. STENNETT TO D.B. STENNETT
OCT. 7, 1903
100 ACRES \$800

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The Stennetts of America

DREWERY STENNETT

Drewery Bynum Stennett (1-2-1-1-6)¹
b. Aug. 27, 1859, Jasper Co., MS
m. Margaret Norris
d.
c. Sara Ann (1-2-1-1-6-1)
John William (1-2-1-1-6-2)
Walter (1-2-1-1-6-3)
Andrew (1-2-1-1-6-4)
Elmer (1-2-1-1-6-5)
Etta (Ainsworth) (1-2-1-1-6-6)
m. Colon Ainsworth
c. Winfred (1-2-1-1-6-6-1)
m. Lorretta Nichols
Hillard (twin) (1-2-1-1-6-6-2)
m. Christine Brewer
Dillard (twin) (1-2-1-1-6-6-3)
m. Merline Tebo
Betty Lou (1-2-1-1-6-6-4)
Charlie (1-2-1-1-6-7)
Homer (1-2-1-1-6-8)
m. Bradis Smith
c. Billie Norris (1-2-1-1-6-8-1)
m. Davis
Neron Jean (1-2-1-1-6-8-2)
m. Jarvis
Bradis (Herrin) (1-2-1-1-6-9)
m. Ralph H Herrin
c. Georgia Louise (Hinson) (1-2-1-1-6-9-1)
m. Arlis Hinson
Nell Drew (Phillips) (1-2-1-1-6-9-2)
m. Frank Philips
Ralph, Jr. (1-2-1-1-6-9-3)
m. Sharon Napier

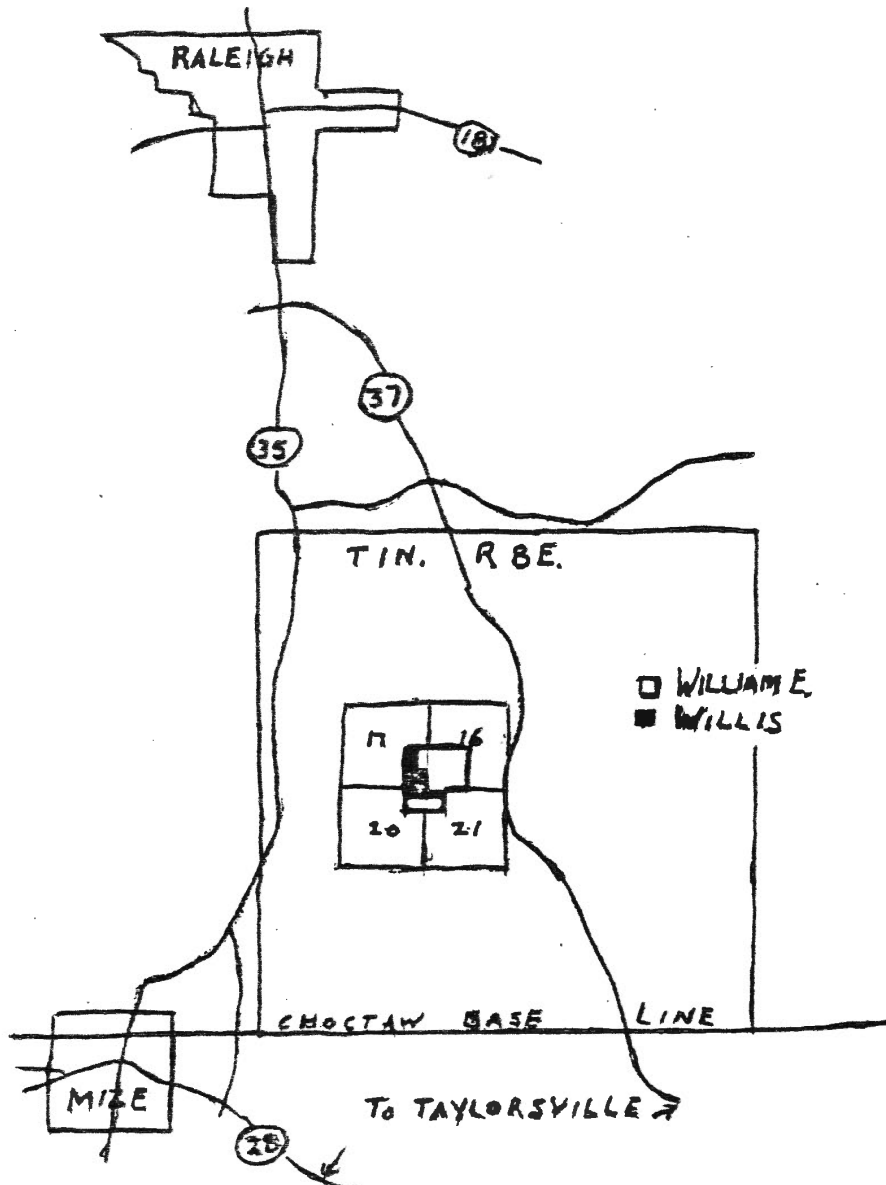
Drewery Bynum (Bynom) Stennett known as Drew, was born August 27, 1859 in Jasper County, Ms., the sixth of twelve children in the household of William E. (Bill) and and Dicy Raborn Stennett.

Drewery's wife, Margaret Norris, was Mary Ida Norris' aunt (Frank Stennett's mother).

¹Information from Bradis Herrin. The author and his wife visited this family's survivors in 1980. In 1984 there was no response from Etta Ainsworth. It is not known if she was deceased or in a nursing home.

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AREA MAP - SHOWING STENNETT FARMS
Scale $\frac{1}{2}$ inch = 1 mile



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I have very little information about the children of Bill and Dicy. I did not do any research about these children. My research stopped with Bill and Dicy. There are sources that could be researched for those who wish to do so. Some of these include the U. S. Census and County records on births, deaths, marriages, cemetery records, and land and tax records. The survivors know about the family history of their ancestors without having to make much research. They are the ones that should write the history of their particular ancestor and their generation.

The Wagon

During the historical periods of time covered in this book before the model '77 Ford, the wagon was the farmer's truck and auto. Few could afford a buggy.

The cover picture is a wagon with a "grain box", there were also "flat beds", "hay racks" and of course "the covered wagon". Depending upon what hauling job was to be done, the "wagon bed or box" was raised by block and tackle or man power, then the "running gear" was pulled out from under it, and the process repeated in reverse to put another bed in place.

There were, of course, special wagons. Some were heavy duty for freighting, other smaller ones were "spring wagons" with a driver's seat supported by buggy type springs. Spring wagons were popular with farmers who did not have need for hauling hay or extra heavy loads. Cotton farmers may have had one of these, or farmers may have had two wagons. The spring wagon was somewhat of a general purpose wagon, substituting for a buggy. A light, fast team of horses could carry the farm family to town and church faster and "in style" than the larger wagon. Then of course, they served for hauling supplies from town and farm. and produce. cotton bales, corn to be ground into meal, etc. into town.

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The Stennetts in America

WILLIS STENNETT

- Willis (1-2-1-1-11)
b. April 29, 1868, Moss, Jasper County, MS
m. Mary Ida Norris, Oct. 4, 1891, Smith County, MS
b. July 12, 1874, Bezer, Smith County, MS
f. John Norris
m. Caroline Blakely
d. Nov. 11, 1948, Modesto, CA, bur. Turlock, CA
d. March 28, 1938, Modesto, CA, bur. Turlock, CA
c. Lulu Jane (Little) (1-2-1-1-11-1)
b. Jan 20, 1893, Smith County, MS
m. Earnest Maurice Little, April 9, 1917, Modesto, CA
d. Dec. 15, 1976, Riverbank, CA
John Paul (1-2-1-1-11-2)
b. Feb. 2, 1895, Smith County, MS
m. Auldra (Dolly) Haley, May 15, 1972
d. July 14, 1979, Stockton, CA
Lela May (Silva) (1-2-1-1-11-3)
b. Dec. 18, 1896, Smith County, MS
m. Leslie Anthony Silva, June 5, 1921, Modesto, CA
d. Oct. 12, 1984, Modesto, CA
William Clio (1-2-1-1-11-4)
b. Dec. 17, 1898, Smith County, MS
m. a Widow ca. 1960
d. April 18, 1962, Modesto, CA
Minnie Caroline (Gregg) (1-2-1-1-11-5)
b. Nov. 25, 1900, Smith County, MS
m. Glen Gregg, Nov. 3, 1922, Livingston, CA
d. Jan. 7, 1982, Turlock, CA
Joseph Gary (1-2-1-1-11-6)
b. July 31, 1903, Smith County, MS
m. Dolores Lucil Parker, Aug. 17, 1948
d. Dec. 5, 1976, Fallon, NV
Oliver (1-2-1-1-11-7)
b. Dec. 17, 1906, LaKemp, OK
d. May 10, 1982, San Andreas, CA
Gladys Inez (Watkins) (1-2-1-1-11-8)
b. March 23, 1908, LaKemp, OK
m. Ralph Watkins, Oct. 1, 1931, Reno, NV
Earnest Evon (1-2-1-1-11-9)
b. May 1, 1910, LaKemp, OK
m. Jocelyn Estella Douglass, Oct. 3, 1945, Placerville, CA
Frank Sylvan (1-2-1-1-11-10)
b. Feb. 3, 1913, LaKemp, OK
m. (1) Veva Rachel Hanson, Feb. 18, 1936, San Luis Obispo, CA
(2) Lucille Chesney, April 20, 1967, Aurora, CO
Lloyd Haskel (1-2-1-1-11-11)
b. July 5, 1915, Thermalito, CA
m. Nadine E. White, Sept. 3, 1939, Bakersfield, CA

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WILLIS STENNETT, named after uncle Willis, was born April 29, 1868 in Jackson County, the eleventh of twelve children, in the household of William E. (Bill) and Dicy Raborn Stennett. There are no records of the events of his boyhood and adolescent life, and not many thereafter. No doubt he grew up under the harshest prevalent at that time in history when the period of the "Reconstruction" of the South was still in progress. But there was time for all boys and men, to be a trap, and fish, for meat to eat and perhaps skins to sell. As soon as he was old enough to use a hoe he was given jobs in the garden. He was also assigned chores such as keeping the wood box full and other jobs about the farmstead. As he grew older the work assignments grew with him. Soon he was chopping and picking cotton. As a teenager he began taking his place as a full time field hand replacing older brothers and sisters who had left home.

Willis finished grade school. This schooling level was common to rural farm children, and was considered sufficient at that time. I recall that my mother said to, Willis taught school as a substitute teacher for part of one school term, after he had finished.

Fathers made all of the farming and economic decisions. Mothers took charge of the household chores and child rearing. As the children grew older they became aware of all these decisions, in that way prepared themselves for the time they would become heads of households. During these times a man's word was his bond. A contract was sealed with a hand shake. Think of all the legal paper that was eliminated by such an arrangement. Also doors were never locked. It was a custom that travelers would stay the night at a farm, whether or not the family was home. But everything was left as it was found when they continued on the next morning. It took several days for distant farmers to go to town and back by wagon, buggy, or horseback. There were no livery stables and motels along the way.

Willis' mother died when he was 17 years old. His father died when he was 18 years old sending great shock throughout the family. A will and other legal papers such as death and cemetery records were not found because of a fire that destroyed the court house.

Little is known of the romantic life of Willis except that he and Mary Ida Norris (called Ida) knew each other as neighbors, and possibly as school children when both families lived near Mize, Mississippi. It was on October 4, 1891 that they were married. He was 23 and she was 17 years old. Ida Norris was born July 12, 1874 in Bezer, Smith County, a community center between Raleigh and Mize. I believe that the newly-weds lived at the Bill and Dicy home place, until Willis finished building a log house on the land that he acquired from his father. In the section of William E. Stennett there is a land plat that shows the location of the William farm (300 acres), and the Willis farm (100 acres of this farm). How Willis acquired the land from his father's farm is not known and does not matter in telling about his life. Evidently most of this land had not been cleared for farming, since "log rolling" events took place and clearing continued for many years.

The site of the log house that Willis built was near where Bill (peanut) Stennett lived in 1980. Willis owned and farmed the land. The house was built near a creek and mosquitoes made life unpleasant in spring and summer. Mosquito netting was used.

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top be fashioned over beds in order to sleep. The mosquito problems were not unique to this farm. They were common throughout the country. But our family, mother and dad particularly, suffered from malaria so badly that they decided to sell the farm to Willis' brother Drewery for \$800 in 1903. The family packed up and moved to the dry, treeless, God forsaken, tornado (also called a cyclone) country called the panhandle of Oklahoma.

What a change of environment, from the wet, timbered lands of Mississippi to this treeless dry farmed and range land! All this was because of malaria, from which they did get a cure. The settlers lived in dugouts for two primary reasons: because of a need for tornado protection; and because of the scarcity and cost of lumber to build houses. Willis and Ida had the objective of eventually moving to California. They homesteaded a quarter section of land here. They had to improve it to get title and hopefully make enough money to move.

Life here was extremely hard. Due to the vagaries of weather, low precipitation mostly, there were crop failures. A good crop, on average, was produced once every five years. This was a natural native range area that should not have been homesteaded for dry land farming. Except for mosquitoes, life was easy in Mississippi compared to this place. All the relatives and friends were left behind. Dry land wheat, hay, and broom corn were the chief crops grown. The home garden, trees, and livestock had to be watered by hand from the well. These jobs were done mostly by children. Fire wood was non-existent. Dried buffalo chips provided the fuel for cooking and heating. These were gathered from the open range where buffalo and cattle roamed, and were stored for future use.

The homestead was located and described as follows: SE 1/4 of Sec. 31, T 1 N. R. 23 E., Cimerron Meridian, Oklahoma. One property line was the Texas state line. The nearest neighbor owned adjacent land in Texas. The nearest trading post was in LaKemp, Oklahoma. LaKemp no longer exists and the only evidence that exists is a small sign on a post. The trading post located here with the idea that the railroad would take this route west. Instead it went south into Texas where Booker, Texas is now located.

The family lived here for ten years. Four children were born here, the author (Frank Sylvan Stennett) being the last. I was born February 3, 1913. But, as the story goes, I did not like it here so I persuaded my parents to move on to California, which they did. They sold the homestead to the neighbors in Texas. They sold horses, cattle, farming tools and most of what else they owned and moved to California, via the Santa Fe Rail Road, arriving April 1, 1913. We first settled at Live Oak, a small town in the Sacramento Valley about 70 miles north of Sacramento. Later we moved to Themalito, across the Feather River from Oroville, not far from Live Oak. Citrus and deciduous orchards and vegetable crops were grown, as well as feed crops for livestock. This is where Lloyd, the eleventh, and last child in the family was born.

Our family was rather transient until we accumulated the bare necessities for farming. Then we moved to the San Joaquin Valley in the vicinity of Turlock, about 30 miles southeast of Stockton. Here we rented a farm. The farming methods in California were entirely different than any other place we lived. Irrigation was essential to produce crops in the areas which we lived. It took a while for dad and the older brothers to get the hang of it before they were ready

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to farm on their own. Crops could be grown all year long, a system known as double cropping. The family remained in the vicinity of Turlock and Modesto. Our primary farming enterprises consisted of dairy with supporting feed crops and cash crops of sweet potatoes, melons and beans. On one place we had a vineyard, we made raisins from the grapes. Deciduous fruit orchards were grown commercially, and fruit trees were found in most farm gardens. California was not heavily populated. There were large acreages of open land until after World War II. One place we lived bordered on open range, we found hunting and trapping. We went to the river for fishing. There is no vacant land there now.

The climate was hot in summer, with long growing seasons. There were frosts and some rain in the winter. The valley fog in the winter months would be so thick that "one had to cut their way through it". Sometimes the sun would not shine for ten days to two week at a time. One place where we lived, a one room schoolhouse was located in the center of a school section (sec. 16 or 31) which was open range. To make sure the children would not walk past the schoolhouse and not see it in the fog, the families would hoe out chunks of sod as a marker for a trail to the schoolhouse. Many times on our way to school, coyotes would come into view less than fifty feet away. They probably smelled our peanut butter sandwiches. But a child was never alone going to school and no harm was ever done by a coyote.

Our family worked very hard and always had plenty to eat, but we never accumulated much wealth. We were a close knit family raised under the Victorian morals of our parents. Willis was an expert at raising boys. Just as we would finish one job and have visions of hunting or fishing, he had another job waiting. There was no idle time for us to be delinquent, if we were so inclined. Ida was just as expert at raising girls.

The Great Depression of the 30's was our economic downfall, along with many thousand of other farmers. We managed to stay off relief and the W.P.A. We had a mortgage on the farm with a fixed rate of interest much higher than the going rate after the crash of the Stock Market in October 1929. The value of the farm had declined below the mortgage amount. By 1936 all of the children except the two oldest brothers, had left home. At this time a smaller acreage, eight miles south of Modesto, was bought for cash. The home place was let go for the unpaid mortgage. Here Willis died March 28, 1938 of cancer. Ida also died here of cancer, November 11, 1948. They are buried at Turlock, California.

American Yew Trees are planted as decorative shrubery around many of the government buildings in Washington D.C. The botanical name for this plant is TAXUS TAXUS

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WILLIS STENNETT

- Lulu Jane (Little) (1-2-1-1-11-1)
 - b. Jan 20, 1893 Smith County, MS.
 - m. Earnest Maurice Little, April 9, 1917, Modesto, CA.
 - d. Dec. 15, 1976 at Riverbank, CA, bur. at Gridley, CA.
 - c. Graydon Maurice (1-2-1-1-11-1-1)
 - b. Aug. 13, 1918, Placerville, CA
 - m. (1) Ruth Hix in 1945
 - (2) Millie
- John Paul (1-2-1-1-11-2)
 - b. Feb. 2, 1895, Smith County, MS
 - m. Auldra (Dolly) Haley, May 15, 1972.
 - d. July. 14, 1979 at Stockton, CA, bur. Lakeside Memorial Park, near Hughson, CA
- Lela May (Silva) (1-2-1-1-11-3)
 - b. Dec. 18, 1896, Smith County, MS
 - m. Leslie Anthony Silva, June 5, 1921, Modesto, CA
 - d. Oct. 12, 1984, Modesto, CA, bur. Lakeside Memorial Park, near Hughson, CA
 - c. Leo Raymond (1-2-1-1-11-3-1)
 - b. Aug. 30, 1922 Denair (Hughson), CA
 - m. Betty Lois Mott, July 29, 1945
 - b. Feb. 26, 1926 La Plata, MO
 - c. Leslie Ray (Rus or Rusty) (1-2-1-1-11-3-1-1)
 - b. Oct 4, 1949, Modesto, CA
 - m. Lynda Kay Kline, June 20, 1970, Escalon, CA
 - c. Michelle Lynn (twin) (1-2-1-1-11-3-1-1-1)
 - b. May 15, 1981
 - Katherine Inez (twin)¹
 - b. May 15, 1981
 - d. May 16, 1981
- Carol May (Witt) (Waddell) (1-2-1-1-11-3-2)
 - b. Sept. 19, 1924, Hughson, CA
 - m. (1) Willie Dell Witt, Jan. 30, 1944. Riverbank, CA
 - d. March (April) 1, 1946
 - (2) Philip Francis Waddell, Nov 14, 1947
 - b. Dec, 18, 1925, Sioux City, NB
 - d. May 1982
 - c. (1) Joan Del (Jones) (Allen) (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-1)
 - b. Oct 28, 1945, Modesto, CA
 - m. (1) Louie Laver Jones, Sept 7, 1953, Modesto, CA
 - (2) _____ Allen
 - c. Leanne Moral (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-1-1)
 - b. Aug. 18, 1964, Modesto, CA
 - Robert Laver (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-1-2)
 - b. May 30, 1967, Modesto, CA

¹ Children who are known to have died at an early age are not given a number of descent.

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- (2) Sylvia May (Blan) (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-2)
 - b. Oct. 24, 1949, Sioux City, IA
 - m. John Blan, Oct. 14, 1967, Carmel, CA
- (2) Phyllis Darlene (Reeves) (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-3)
 - b. April 5, 1950, Modesto, CA
 - m. Daniel William Reeves, Dec. 15, 1967, Oakland, CA
 - c. Kristi Noel (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-3-1)
 - b. July 30, 1969, Modesto, CA
 - Kimberly Jo (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-3-2)
 - b. Sept. 22, 1974, Modesto, CA
 - Jennifer Nicole (1-2-2-2-11-3-2-3-3)
 - b. Dec 8, 1977, Modesto, CA
- (2) Phillip Leroy (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-4)
 - b. April 24, 1957, Modesto, CA
- (2) Lela Marie (Holland) (1-2-1-1-11-3-2-5)
 - b. Aug. 4, 1958, Modesto, CA
 - m. Stanley Holland
 - c. Steven Eric (1-2-1-11-3-2-5-1)
 - b. Feb 26, 1982, Woodland, CA
 - Daniel William (1-2-1-11-3-1-5-1)
 - b. Feb 12, 1984, Woodland, CA
- Genevive Arlene (Mattos) (1-2-1-1-11-3-3)
 - b. Dec. 16, 1928, Merced, CA
 - m. Mervin Manuel Mattos, June 18, 1950, Modesto, CA
 - c. Kathleen Ann (1-2-1-1-11-3-3-1)
 - b. Sept. 25, 1951, Modesto, CA
 - John Patrick (1-2-1-1-11-3-3-2)
 - b. April 17, 1953, Modesto, CA
 - m. Laura Sample
 - c. Blake Sample (1-2-1-1-11-3-3-2-1)
 - b. April 13, 1982, San Francisco, CA
 - Daniel Paul (1-2-1-1-11-3-3-3)
 - b. June 18, 1960, Modesto, CA
 - Carolyn Arlene (Ogden) (1-2-1-1-11-3-3-4)
 - b. April 24, 1963, Modesto, CA
 - m. Danial Mark Ogden
- Wilber Willis (1-2-1-1-11-3-4)
 - b. Feb. 17, 1932, Merced, CA
 - m. Patricia Ann Medeiros, June 21, 1963
 - b. March 8, 1940
 - c. Peri Lea (1-2-1-1-11-3-4-1)
 - b. Feb. 12, 1963, San Luis Obispo, CA
 - Keli Deann (1-2-1-1-11-3-4-2)
 - b. Dec. 12, 1964, Modesto, CA
 - Scott Shannon (1-2-1-1-11-3-4-3)
 - b. Dec 1, 1969, Modesto, CA
- William Clio (1-2-1-1-11-4)
 - b. Dec. 17, 1898, Smith County, MS
 - m. a Widow ca. 1960
 - d. April 18, 1962, Modesto, CA, bur. Modesto, CA

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- Minnie Caroline (Gregg) (1-2-1-1-11-5)
 - b. Nov. 25, 1900, Smith County, MS
 - m. Glen Gregg, Nov. 3, 1922, Livingston, CA
 - b. Jan 10, 1901, Reedly, CA
 - d. Jan. 7, 1982, bur. at Turlock, CA
 - c. Glenna May (Wiseman) (1-2-1-1-11-5-1)
 - b. July 19, 1927, Turlock, CA
 - m. William Wiseman, Dec. 17, 1950, Turlock, CA
 - c. Carolyn Jeanne (Snyder) (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-1)
 - b. Oct. 10, 1951, San Jose, CA
 - m. Kieth Snyder, Nov 20, 1971, Hemet, CA
 - c. David Michael (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-1-1)
 - b. Sept 2, 1972
 - Julie (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-1-2)
 - b. July 2, 1974
 - Joseph (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-1-3)
 - b. July 9, 1975
 - Matthew (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-1-4)
 - b. Nov 29, 1978
 - Gregg William (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-2)
 - b. Sept. 28, 1954, San Gabriel, CA
 - m. Dawn Peterson, Aug. 1, 1982
 - c. Leanne Marie (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-2-1)
 - b. June 6, 1978, Long Beach, CA
 - Kryn Louise (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-2-2)
 - b. March 3, 1981. Long Beach, CA
 - Deanna Lynn (1-2-1-1-11-5-1-3)
 - b. March 17, 1967
- Gerald Wayne (1-2-1-1-11-5-2)
 - b. April 10, 1931, Turlock, CA
 - m. Carol Brydon, June 7, 1958
 - c. Gary Grant (1-2-1-1-11-5-2-1)
 - b. Oct. 1, 1959
- Joseph Gary (1-2-1-1-11-6)
 - b. July 31, 1903, Smith County, MS
 - m. Dolores Lucil Parker, Aug. 17, 1948
 - b. Fallon, NV
 - d. Dec. 5, 1976, Fallon, NV
 - c. no natural children
- Oliver (1-2-1-1-11-7)
 - b. Dec. 17, 1906, LaKemp, OK
 - d. May 10, 1982, Hughson, CA, marker Lakeside Memorial Park, CA
- Gladys Inez (Watkins) (1-2-1-1-11-8)
 - b. March 23, 1908, LaKemp, OK
 - m. Ralph Watkins, Oct. 1, 1930, Reno, NV
 - c. Gail Marilyn (Watkins) (Gordon) (1-2-1-1-11-8-1)
 - b. June 5, 1935, Merced, CA
 - m. (1) Donald Olan Ferrel
 - b. Feb 19, 1933
 - (2) James Huntly Gordon

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- c. (1) Lawrence Oliver (1-2-1-1-11-8-1-1)
 - b. Oct. 24, 1955
- (1) Danee Lorraine (1-2-1-1-11-8-1-2)
 - b. Jan. 31, 1956
- (1) Tama Dawn (1-2-1-1-11-8-1-3)
 - b. Aug. 4, 1957
- (1) Kevin Edward (1-2-1-1-11-8-1-4)
 - b. Dec. 20, 1959
- (1) Craig Quenton (1-2-1-1-11-8-1-5)
 - b. Feb. 27, 1962
- (1) Bryant Donald (1-2-1-1-11-8-1-6)
 - b. April 4, 1967
- (2) James Huntly (1-2-1-1-11-8-1-7)
- Marvel Lorraine (Daniel) (1-2-1-1-11-8-2)
 - b. Aug 15, 1936, Merced, CA
 - m. Stanley William Daniel, Feb. 8, 1959, Merced, CA
- c. Judith Lorraine (Cano) (1-2-1-1-11-8-2-1)
 - b. Jan. 14, 1961, Sacramento, CA
 - m. Eddie Cano, May 4, 1985
- Michael William (1-2-1-1-11-8-2-2)
 - b. March 15, 1963, Sacramento, CA
- Christopher Todd (1-2-1-1-11-8-2-3)
 - b. July 26, 1967
- Earnest Evon (1-2-1-1-11-9)
 - b. May 1, 1910, LaKemp, OK
 - m. Jocelyn Estella Douglass, Oct. 3, 1945, Placerville, CA
- c. Douglas John (1-2-1-1-11-9-1)
 - b. Aug. 10, 1946, Placerville, CA
 - m. Lynne Dianne Sattler, Aug. 8, 1968, Concord, CA
- (1) Adam John (1-2-1-1-11-9-1-1)
 - b. May 10, 1972, Kotzebue, AK
- Matthew Creighton (1-2-1-1-11-9-1-2)
 - b. Aug. 14, 1975, Corvallis, OR
- Sara Elizabeth (1-2-1-1-11-9-1-3)
 - b. April 9, 1980, Corvallis, OR
- Frank Sylvan (1-2-1-1-11-10)
 - b. Feb. 3, 1913, LaKemp, OK
 - m. (1) Veva Rachel Hanson, Feb. 18, 1936, San Luis Obispo, CA
 - b. March 12, 1911, Venice, CA
 - f. Oscar Henry Hanson
 - m. Martha Octavia Meador
 - d. June 9, 1966, Billings, MT, bur. San Luis Obispo, CA
- m. (2) Lucille Chesney, April 20, 1967, Aurora, CO
- c. (1) Norris Ray (1-2-1-1-11-10-1)
 - b. Jan 12, 1937, San Luis Obispo, CA
 - m. Barbara Louise Turner, June 14, 1965, Arroyo Grande, CA
- (1) Theresa Octavia (1-2-1-1-11-10-1-1)
 - b. April 7, 1943, Oakland, CA
- c. Theresa Octavia (1-2-1-1-11-10-1-1)
 - b. Aug. 31, 1967, San Luis Obispo, CA

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Rex Oscar (1-2-1-1-11-10-1-2)

b. June 11, 1969, San Luis Obispo, CA

Joseph Raymond (1-2-1-1-11-10-1-3)

b. Jan. 13, 1973 (twin), San Luis Obispo, CA

Thomas Franklin (1-2-1-1-11-10-1-4)

b. Jan. 13, 1973, (twin) San Luis Obispo, CA

(1) Martha Joy (Harrington) (1-2-1-1-11-10-2)

b. May 21, 1947, Oildale, CA

m. Allen Bert Harrington, July 31, 1971, Eugene, OR

b. Oct. 19, 1940, Eugene, OR

c. Wendy Jean Harrington (1-2-1-1-11-10-2-1)

b. March 6, 1976, Columbus, OH

Lloyd Haskel (1-2-1-1-11-11)

b. July 5, 1915, Thermalito, CA

m. Nadine E. White, Sept. 3, 1939, Bakersfield, CA

b. April 11, 1921, Springville, CA

c. Dale Lloyd (1-2-1-1-11-11-1)

b. July 15, 1941, Fresno, CA

m. Sandra Lee Fetch, Sept. 2, 1960, Reno, NV

c. Mark Allen (1-2-1-1-11-11-1-1)

b. Jan. 13, 1963, Sacramento, CA

David Lee (1-2-1-1-11-11-1-2)

b. Aug. 23, 1964, Sacramento, CA

Wayne Paul (1-2-1-11-11-2)

b. Feb. 4, 1948, Fresno, CA

m. Marie Louise Bowling, June 1, 1972, Reno, NV

c. Courtney Niccole (1-2-1-1-11-11-2-1)

b. Jan. 29, 1977, Sacramento, CA

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SIMEON STENNETT

Simeon Stennett (1-2-1-2)

b. 1825

m. Nora Blackwell

b. 1832

d. 1865, bur. Confederate Cemetery, Columbus, OH

c. Mark (1-2-1-2-1)

b. 1849

m. Elizabeth Rebecca Craft

d. 1932

Nancy (1-2-1-2-2)

b. 1852

Martha (1-2-1-2-3)

b. 1854

Jane (1-2-1-2-4)

b. 1856

Betty (1-2-1-2-5)

b. 1858

William Hightower (1-2-1-2-6)

b. Jan 13, 1861

m. Martha Simpson, Nov. 9, 1882

d. Pelican, LA

Darcas (1-2-1-2-7)

b. 1863

Previously I have shown that Simeon (Simmie) was probably born in Marion County, Mississippi in 1826. The date of birth was derived from the 1850 census of Jasper County which reported his age as 24. But Coulvert Stennett, his descendant, reports his birth year as 1825. That is the date that should be used. The census listed Simeon Stennett with the notation of Soso, which I assumed was the place of residence. But Soso is a small town, or village in Jones County near the Southern boundary of Jasper County. Simeon lived in Jasper County in 1850, but his mailing address was probably Soso, Jones County. Or else there has been a boundary change since 1850. As were all the other recorded Stennetts, Simeon was a farmer.

Simmie was raised on his father's farm and grew up in much the same environment as his brothers Bill, who was 9 years older; and Wiss who was 5 years younger than he.

Simeon married Nora Blackwell, who was born in 1832. I do not have the date of this marriage, but it was before 1849 when his son was born. Mark 1849 was the first child. The 1850 census of Jasper County listed one male child as one year old in Simeon's household.

I did not research land records for Simeon Stennett. So I cannot report much about his life, except that Simmie apparently did not move very far from the home place in Jasper County.

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Simmie served in the Civil War and was taken prisoner and sent to a Prisoner of War Camp in Ohio where he died. He is buried in a Cemetery of Confederate Soldiers (at Camp Chase) in Columbus, Ohio. There is a grave marker # 1778 for a S. Stennett, Co. A 40 Miss. Reg. C. S. A. This is surely Simeon Stennett.¹

Mark Stennett (1-2-1-2-1)

- b. 1849
- m. Elizabeth Rebecca Craft
- b. 1849
- d. 1932
- d. 1932
- c. Mary Leoner Elizabeth

- b. 1872
- d. 1873

Martha Jane (Shows) (1-2-1-2-1-1)

- b. 1874
- m. Richard Shows

Ida (Odom) (1-2-1-2-1-2)

- b. 1876
- m. Melton Odom

William Robert (1-2-1-2-1-3)

- b. 1878
- m. Maggie Shows
- d. 1949
- c. Barna Bass (1-2-1-2-1-3-1)

- b. 1902
- m. Wilma Beech
- d. 1973
- c. Glenn (1-2-1-2-1-3-1-1)
- Jerry (1-2-1-2-1-3-1-2)
- several girls (1-2-1-2-1-3-1-?)

William Eathon (1-2-1-2-1-3-2)

- b. 1905
- m. Bertee Conn
- d. 1934

Rea (Kitchens) (1-2-1-2-1-3-3)

- m. W. D. Kitchens

Olie (Walters) (1-2-1-2-1-3-4)

- m. Sid Walters

George Washington

- b. 1881
- d. 1885

Mandy

- b. 1883
- d. 1885

Bud Marck (1-2-1-2-1-4)

- b. 1885
- m. Sadie Bradshaw
- d. 1956

¹ Much of the above information and all of the genealogical information that follows was obtained from Coulvert Stennett, Laurel, Mississippi.

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- c. Herbon (1-2-1-2-1-4-1)
 - b. 1908
 - m. Eula May Weems
- Marcus Almon (1-2-1-2-1-4-2)
 - b. 1910
 - m. Bessie Strange
 - c. Marcus (1-2-1-2-1-4-2-1)
 - Ronnie (1-2-1-2-1-4-2-2)
- Leon Hollis (1-2-1-2-1-4-3)
 - b. 1914
 - m. Meda Howell
 - d. 1969
 - c. Jane (1-2-1-2-1-4-3-1)
 - June (1-2-1-2-1-4-3-2)
 - Mary George (1-2-1-2-1-4-3-3)
 - Sammy Joe (1-2-1-2-1-4-3-4)
 - Jerry (1-2-1-2-1-4-3-5)
- Ada Elizabeth (Moss) (1-2-1-2-1-5)
 - b. 1887
 - m. John Moss
- Toi Nettie (Hall) (1-2-1-2-1-6)
 - b. 1890
 - m. Tom Hall
 - d. 1983
- Edgar Eathon (1-2-1-2-1-7)
 - b. 1895
 - m. Martha Velma Bradshaw, Jan. 13, 1913, Bay Springs, MS
 - b. 1896
 - d. 1980
 - d. 1980
 - c. Couvert Edgar (1-2-1-2-1-7-1)
 - b. 1914
 - m. (1) Minnie Carmon Jones, May 20, 1939, Jones County, MS
 - b. 1911
 - d. March 1, 1974
 - (2) Lelia Kennedy, Oct. 25, 1974, Laurel, MS
 - b. 1913
 - c. (1) Martha Frances (Garraway) (1-2-1-2-1-7-1-1)
 - b. 1941
 - m. Charles Garraway, Aug. 15, 1963
 - c. Grace Carmon (1-2-1-2-1-7-1-1-1)
 - b. 1966
 - Martha Jane (1-2-1-2-1-7-1-1-2)
 - b. 1968
 - Susan Hope (1-2-1-2-1-7-1-1-3)
 - b. 1971
 - Joshua Charles (1-2-1-2-1-7-1-1-4)
 - b. 1978

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- (1) Shirley Fay (Myrick) (1-2-1-2-1-7-1-2)
 - b. 1942
 - m. Robert Lamar Myrick, Nov. 10, 1962
 - c. Mary Angela (1-2-1-2-1-7-1-2-1)
 - b. 1964
 - Vincent Stennett (1-2-1-2-1-7-1-2-2)
 - b. 1972

- Virginia Viola (Robertson) (1-2-1-2-1-7-2)
 - b. 1916
 - m. Lewis Robertson
- Velma Elvira (Napier) (1-2-1-2-1-7-3)
 - b. 1918
 - m. William S. Napier
- Mary Georgena (Probst) (1-2-1-2-1-7-4)
 - b. 1930
 - m. Charlie Probst

William Hightower (1-2-1-2-6) He lived in Jones County near Soso, MS. He moved to Pelican, LA where he lived until his death.

- b. 1861
- m. Martha Simpson, Nov. 9, 1882
 - b. Jan. 13, 1861
 - d. Pelican, LA
- c. J. Alford
 - b. 1885, Soso, MS
 - d. 1887
- Maggie Lee (1-2-1-2-6-1)
 - b. 1888 Soso, MS
 - d. 1919
- Albert Pierce (1-2-1-2-6-2)
 - b. 1891, Soso, MS
 - m. Victoria Robins, Dec. 12, 1909
 - d. 1950
 - c. Thelma Mittie (1-2-1-2-1-6-2-1)
 - b. 1910
 - d. 1983

- William Alfred (1-2-1-2-1-6-2-2)
 - b. 1922
 - m. Johnie Ruth Morton
 - b. Feb. 20, 1947
 - c. Alfred Lynn (1-2-1-2-1-6-2-1-1)
 - b. 1950
 - Randall Wayne (1-2-1-2-1-6-2-1-2)
 - b. 1954

- Albert Pierce, Jr. (1-2-1-2-1-6-2-3)
 - b. 1925

- Ada Bessie (1-2-1-2-6-3)
 - b. 1893 Soso, MS
 - d. 1978

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WILLIS "Wiss" STENNETT¹

Willis "Wiss" Stennett (1-2-1-3)

- b. April 15, 1830, Moss, Jasper County, MS
- m. Sarah (Sallie) Terril (Terrill), July 19, 1856
 - b. Dec. 23, 1838 (9), at Paulding²
 - m. Elizabeth Morris Terrell
 - f. Edward Y. Terrell
 - b. 1786
 - d. Oct. 8, 1890, Rock Bluff Creek Bapt., Sylwarena, MS
- d. March, 1910, bur. Leaf River Baptist Church, Pineville, MS
- c. Artis Wheeler (1-2-1-3-1)
 - b. Aug. 13, 1860, Lake Como, Jasper County, MS³
 - m. Emma Vinzan(t), 1888
 - d. June 1936, Goodwater, Lemon, MS
- Mary Ann E. (Waldrop) (1-2-1-3-2)⁴
 - b. Feb. 26, 1864
 - m. Tom Waldrop
 - d. 1884
- Matilda Francis (Johnson) (1-2-1-3-3)
 - b. April 8, 1866 (twin)
 - m. James Johnson
 - d. June 13, 1945, bur. Leaf River Bapt. Church, Pineville, MS
 - c. Hershell (1-2-1-3-3-1)
Vergil (1-2-1-3-3-2)⁵
- Mattie Susanna (Smith) (1-2-1-3-4)
 - b. April 8, 1866 (twin)
 - m. Richard Smith
 - d. May 1959, bur. Quitman, MS
 - c. none⁶
- William Edward (1-2-1-3-5) ⁷
 - b. Dec. 31, 1868 (1869)
 - d. Feb. 9, 1886
- Jashua (Jasua) Terril (Terrell)
 - b. Nov. 14, 1871
 - d. June 18, 1885

¹Names and dates were taken from records of: J. W. (Watson) Stennett, 315 Horseshoe Rd., Shriever, La., 70395; Louise Honeycutt Thurmond, 3604 White Ferry Rd., West Monroe, La., 71291; and Neva Sorey Laseter P. O. Box E, Morton MS 39117.

²Birth date was in 1838 according to Neva Laseter.

³Louise Honeycutt Thurmond lists Artis Wheeler's birth place as Pineville, Smith County, MS. Neva Laseter reports his birthplace and Lake Como, Jasper County, MS, which is near the land he received by patent in 1859.

⁴Louise Honeycutt Thurmond lists Mary E. as dying the same day as she was born.

⁵Joseph C. Stennett (Judge), 504 Hartfield St., Jackson, MS 29216.

⁶Ibid.

⁷Louise Thurmond lists a Joshue Terril as the wife of William Edward Stennett. But he died at age 18. Jashua Terrell Stennett died at age 14 according to Watson Stennett's records.

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Willis "Wiss" Stennett

Thomas W.

b. May 21, 1874

d. April 8, 1884

John Bridges (1-2-1-3-6)

b. June 6, 1877, Homer Lake, Jasper County, MS¹

m. Janie Vaughn, Jan. 27, 1901

b. Mar. 31, 1833

d. Oct. 10, 1966

d. Nov. 14, 1958, LA

Ida Janie (Broadway) (1-2-1-3-7)

b. Sept. 17, 1880

m. John Broadway

Harrison

b. June. 6, 1883

d. June. 6, 1883

Willis Stennett, called Wiss, was born April 15, 1830 in Jasper County, MS. He grew up on the family farm with his older brothers Bill and Simmie, of which I have already written.

He left home before the 1850 census was taken for Jasper County, as he was not listed in the household of William Hightower and Elizabeth. Neva Laseter, a descendant, said he was working for another farmer at that time, when he was 20 years old.

Previously in the section on William H. (Hightower) Stennett, I have shown that Willis received a patent No. 14219 in 1859 located in Section 36 T. 1. R. 11, Jasper County. I did no additional research to determine the acreage and description within the section. So we know that he must have been farming for himself at that time, probably earlier.

Family records lists vital statistics for the Willis and Sarah Stennett family.

Willis enlisted in the Confederate Army on April 28, 1862 at Carlandsville, Jasper County, as a private in Company A 7th Battalion Infantry of the Mississippi Volunteers. Company Muster Rolls are included on the next four pages. Note that the name is spelled with an "i" on the first, second and fourth pages, but spelled correctly on the third page. This must be a clerk's or officer's error since all the enlistment dates are correct, or at least consistent.

¹ according to Watson Stennett. Neva Lassiter says; Pineville, Smith County, MS

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Willis "Wiss" Stennett

Confederate.
7 Battalion. Miss.

W. Stennett
Pvt., Co. A, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *May 1st to Aug 31, 1862.*

Enlisted:

When *28 April, 1862*

Where *Jasper, La.*

By whom *S. B. Pardue*

Period *3 yrs or the war*

Last paid:

By whom

To what time _____, 186

Present or absent *Absent*

Remarks: *Sick in Hospital*

Book mark:

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Confederate.
7 Battalion. Miss.

W. Stennett
Pvt., Co. A, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *Sept & Oct, 1862*

Enlisted:

When *28 April, 1862*

Where *Jasper, La.*

By whom *S. B. Pardue*

Period *3 yrs or the war*

Last paid:

By whom

To what time _____, 186

Present or absent *Absent*

Remarks: *Absent sick*

Book mark:

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Willis "Wiss" Stennett

Confederate.
7 Battalion. Miss.

W. Stennett
Priv, Co. A, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Nov & Dec, 1862.

Enlisted:

When 28 April, 1866.

Where Jasper La.

By whom L B. Pordue.

Period 3 yrs.

Last paid:

By whom J A Sander.

To what time Oct 11, 1866.

Present or absent Present.

Remarks:

Name appears in Cd of Recd Pay
W. Stennett

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W. Stennett
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Confederate.
7 Battalion. Miss.

W. Stennett
Priv, Co. A, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Jan & Feb, 1863.

Enlisted:

When 28 April, 1866.

Where Jasper Miss.

By whom L B Pordue.

Period 3 yrs.

Last paid:

By whom J A Sander.

To what time Dec 11, 1866.

Present or absent Present.

Remarks:

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Willis "Wiss" Stennett

Confederate.
7 Battalion. Miss.

W. Stennett
1st, Co. A, 7 Battalion Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for June 30 to Oct 31, 1863.

Enlisted:

When 28 April, 1862

Where Jasper, La. Miss.

By whom L. B. Pardee

Period 3 yrs or war

Last paid:

By whom J. A. Sanders

To what time 28 Feb, 1863

Present or absent Present

NOTE: "Since last mustered this command has been captured at Vicksburg, Miss., and Paroled, and marched to Enterprise, Miss., a distance of 140 miles."

Remarks: In arrest.

Book mark:

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Copyist

Confederate.
7 Battalion. Miss.

W. Stennett
1st, Co. A, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Nov & Dec, 1862

Enlisted:

When 28 April, 1862

Where Jasper, La. Miss.

By whom L. B. Pardee

Period 3 yrs or war

Last paid:

By whom J. A. Sanders

To what time 28 Feb, 1863

Present or absent Present

Remarks: Was absent without leave from 16 April to 6 Oct.

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Willis "Wiss" Stennett

(Confederate.)

1 | 7 Battalion. | Miss.

W. Stennett
Pvt., Co. A, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for June & Feb., 1864

Enlisted:

When 28. April, 1862

Where Jaeger's Co. Miss.

By whom L. B. Pardue

Period 3 yrs or war

Last paid:

By whom May Williams

To what time 31 Dec., 1862

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: Absent without

leave since 22nd Feb.

1864

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Stennett - W.

Co., 7th Miss. Batt'l Inf.

(CONFEDERATE.)

Pvt.

REFERENCE CARD.

See Manuscript No. 1193 page

Paroled

Dated - Dec. 8 1863

GENERAL INDEX CARD.

This card must not be taken from the files.

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Willis "Wiss" Stennett

Company A was captured at Vicksburg, MS, paroled, and marched 140 miles to Enterprise, MS. General John C. Pemberton surrendered his army of 30,000 at Vicksburg on July 4, 1863.¹ Willis was registered as "in arrest" on the Muster roll of June 30 to Oct. 31, 1863. Note that there is a muster Roll for Nov. Dec. 1863, after his capture, that registered Willis as "present". Parole denotes that he was released from prison on the condition that he not take up arms against his former captors. Parole was often ignored by the units from which the parolee came. He must have been paroled from prison camp and still had to report to his Company, or else he may not have been captured. The Nov. and Dec. 1863 Roll listed Willis "was absent without leave April 16 to Oct. 6" which is contrary to the previous Roll Call that listed him as "present and in arrest".

Prisoners were taken to an enemy camp. After a short while most, if not all, were paroled to go home if they pledged not to join in the fighting. That was cheaper than feeding them on rations needed by the armies.

Someone told me, probably Neva Laseter, that Willis was A.W.O.L. because he went home to keep his family and neighbors from starving. He would kill deer and other game, take what his family could use and give the balance to his neighbors.

Sarah died Oct. 8, 1890 and was buried at Sylvania, Smith County,² which is about 10 miles east of Raleigh. Willis was buried at Pineville, about 10 miles north of Sylvania. Their farm must have been located between these two towns. My sister Lela said that she remembered great uncle Willis. He came and lived with us for awhile at Mize after Sarah died. She said he was very lonely and liked to visit and tell stories.

DELMONICO'S RESTAURANT IN NEW YORK CITY (well known world wide)
CHARGED 12 CENTS FOR SOUP, STEAK, HALF A PIE, AND COFFEE ON
NOVEMBER 25, 1834.

¹Funk and Wagnal Encyclopedia.

²Names and dates of birth were taken from records of J. W. (Watson) Stennett, 315 Horseshoe Rd., Shriever, La., 70395. Marriage and some death dates were taken from the genealogy of Louise Honeycutt Thurmond, 3604 White Ferry Rd., West Monroe, La., 71291.

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ARTIS WHEELER STENNETT

- Artis Wheeler (1-2-1-3-1)¹ He was a public school teacher, mill operator, a farmer.
b. Aug. 13, 1860,² Lake Como, MS
m. Emma Vinzant in 1888
b. May 7, 1869
f. William Bill Vinzant
m. Mary Williams of New Orleans
d. Feb. 10, 1958, bur. Goodwater Baptist Church, Lemon, MS
d. June, 1936, bur. Goodwater Baptist Church, Lemon, MS
c. Milton Clark (1-2-1-3-1-1) Retired public school principal. After high school at Burns, MS, he attended what is Miss. Southern and Miss. College.
b. Nov. 2, 1889
m. *Artie (Chisholm)
d. Feb. 1938, Moss, MS
d. Oct. 1967, bur. Sharon Baptist Church Cemetery
c. Three children, all grown
Irvin William (1-2-1-3-1-2) Never married. Graduated from Clark Memorial College and Law School and University of Mississippi. He was a lawyer, El Dorado, Ark.
b. Dec. 4, 1891, Burns, MS
d. Dec. 21, 1937, bur. Goodwater Cemetery, Lemon, MS³
John Allen (1-2-1-3-1-3) Single. He taught school one year and was a student in Mississippi College at the time of his death.
b. Feb. 4, 1894, Burns, MS
d. Sept. 14, 1914, bur. Goodwater Cemetery, Lemon, MS
Ruby (Roberts) (1-2-1-3-1-4) She was a public school teacher, now a housewife. Attended what is now Mississippi Southern. Her address is Pulaski, MS
b. July 25, 1896, Burns, MS
m. Cline Roberts
c. none
Ernest Wheeler (1-2-1-3-1-5) Graduated from Clarke Memorial College and University of Mississippi. Public school teacher, lawyer in Jackson, MS, Chief Attorney for City of Jackson.
b. May 16, 1899, Burns, MS
m. Annie Lyles
d. March 20, 1979, bur. Cedar Lawn, Hinds, MS
c. none
Ina Cecille (Sorey) (1-2-1-3-1-6) Attended what is now Mississippi Southern. Public school teacher and housewife.
b. Sept. 28, 1901, Burns, MS
m. Dennis W. Sorey, Jr. (II), June 16, 1926

¹ Joseph C. Stennett (Judge), 504 Hartfield St., Jackson, MS 29216. It is not updated to 1984.

² Another record, from Joseph Stennett, lists the birth of Artis Wheeler Stennett as August 13, 1861.

³ Dec. 23, 1937 Neva Lassiter

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Artis Wheeler Stennett

- c. Ruby Carolyn (1-2-1-3-1-6-1)
 - b. Nov 4, 1926, Pineville, MS
- Neva Grace (Vogel) (Laseter) (1-2-1-3-1-6-2)
 - b. March 13, 1928 Pineville, MS
 - m. (1) Earl C. Vogel, Nov. 9, 1949
 - (2) Caley Booker Laseter, Oct. 3, 1949
- c. (2) Susan Gale (Wilson) (1-2-1-3-1-6-2-1)
 - b. April 9, 1957, Jackson, MS
 - m. Mark Ferrell Wilson, Aug. 19, 1978
- (2) Caley Booker, Jr. (1-2-1-3-1-6-2-2)
 - b. Jan. 5, 1961, Jackson, MS
- Dennis (Bill) (1-2-1-3-1-6-3)
 - b. Jan. 6, 1930, Pineville, MS
 - m. Wanda Gimbel July 6, 1956
- James Ralph (1-2-1-3-1-6-4)
 - b. Jan. 4, 1932 Pineville, MS
 - m. Grace Cole, Feb. 6, 1958
- Pat Allen (1-2-1-3-1-6-5)
 - b. Nov. 18, 1937, Pineville, MS
 - m. Julia Tadlock Moore, July 7, 1970
- Annie Belle (Parker) (1-2-1-3-1-6-6)
 - b. May 11, 1940, Pineville, MS
 - m. Clifton Parker, Oct. 15, 1960
- Joseph Cullen (1-2-1-3-1-7) Graduated form Law School at University of Mississippi. Began law practice at Jackson, MS in 1932. Served as Chancellor 5th Chancery Court District of Mississippi. Retired.¹
 - b. Dec. 23, 1903, Burns, MS
 - m. Bonnie Dale
 - c. female
 - male
- Ray Terrell (1-2-1-3-1-8) Attended University of Mississippi. He is a Chamber of Commerce executive.
 - b. May 3, 1906, Burns, MS
 - m. Lorene Clements
 - c. Three children
- Guyton Lowry (1-2-1-3-1-9) Attended University of Mississippi. He is employed by the U. S. Government in Honolulu.
 - b. Sept. 29, 1908, Burns, MS
 - m. Jannette (Jeanette?) Martin
 - c. six

¹ Residence address, 504 Hartfield Street, Jackson, MS.

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JOHN BRIDGES STENNETT¹

John Bridges (1-2-1-3-6)

- b. June 6, 1877, Homer Lake, MS²
- m. Janie Vaughn, Jan. 27, 1901
 - b. March 31, 1883
 - d. Oct. 10, 1966, West Monroe, LA, bur. Silver Cross Cem., Tallulah, LA

d. Nov. 4, 1958, Delhi, LA

- c. William Marzell (1-2-1-3-6-1)
 - b. Aug. 3, 1902, Pineville, MS
 - m. Arrie Broadway

Lomer Ottis (1-2-1-3-6-2)

- b. Jan 28, 1904, Pineville, MS
- m. Myrtle Vaughn
- d. Feb 9, 1972

Mallie Audell

- b. June 23, 1905,³ Pineville, MS
- d. 1911, from severe burns

infant (male)

- b. April 27, 1906, Pineville, MS
- d. April 27, 1906, Pineville, MS

infant (female)

- b. June 27 (Jan. ?), 1907, Pineville, MS
- d. June 27 (Jan. ?), 1907, Pineville, MS

Bertha Asline (Honeycutt) (1-2-1-3-6-3)

- b. Dec. 29, 1907, Pineville, MS
- m. Leo Baxter Honeycutt Sr., Dec. 25, 1928

Virida Lee (Evans) (1-2-1-3-6-4)

- b. Aug. 5, 1909, Pineville, MS
- m. Edward Evans

Elder Buford (1-2-1-3-6-5)

- b. Aug. 3, 1911, Pineville, MS
- m. Jessie Tullos

Vera Mae (Nolan) (1-2-1-3-6-6)

- b. Feb. 11, 1915, Pineville, MS
- m. Hollis Nolan

John Watson (1-2-1-3-6-7)

- b. Aug. 19, 1916, LA
- m. Dorothy McElroy

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²Louise Thurmond lists John Bridges birthplace as Silverria, MS. Watson Stennett lists the birth place of John Bridges as Homer Lake, Jasper County, MS. I do not know where Homer Lake is but I can conclude that the Willis and Sarah family did not move to Pineville, Smith County, MS until after John Bridges was born in 1877.

³J. W. Stennett states; 1906 died 7 yrs later.

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John Bridges Stennett

Leonard Alton (1-2-1-3-6-8)

b. May 19 (29), 1921, LA¹

m. Gene Pennington

Janie Juanita (Carroll) (1-2-1-3-6-9)

b. Aug 3, 1925, Waterproof, LA

m. James Roy Carroll, Aug. 23, 1964

John Bridges Stennett was born at Homer Lake in Jasper County, Mississippi. He homesteaded forty acres of land in Mississippi and bought an additional forty acres in Mississippi.

He sold his property in Mississippi and moved to Louisiana in 1917. He served as minister of the Methodist Protestant Church for approximately twenty years, or from about 1909 to 1929. He, at the same time, was a tenant farmer and earned most of his living by farming cotton. He moved to numerous Northeast and North Central Louisiana communities. In 1939, he bought some property at Goodwill, West Carroll Parish, Louisiana. John Bridges Stennett married Janie Vaughn on January 27, 1901. She was born March 31, 1883 at Pineville, Mississippi. There were ten children and thirty-four grandchildren.

On the next page is a copy of "ELDER'S CREDENTIALS" for J. B. Stennett.

Following is an obituary for J. B. Stennett.

"SLATE RITES FRIDAY FOR J. B. STENNETT, RETIRED MINISTER"²

"Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. from Gay's Funeral chapel, Delhi, for the Rev. J. B. Stennett, 81, of Oak Grove, who died Tuesday in a Delhi clinic after a five-week illness.

Officiating at the rites will be the Rev. M. W. Kennedy and the Rev. Ira Love. Interment will be in Silver Cross cemetery in Tallulah under direction of Gay's Funeral home of Delhi.

Retired from 40 years service as a minister, the Rev. Stennett is survived by his widow, Mrs. Janie Stennett; four daughters, Mrs. Bertha Honeycutt, of Oak Grove, Mrs. T. L. Booth, of Vicksburg, Ms., Mrs. J. H. McCullough, of West Monroe, Mrs. J. R. Carroll, of Natchez, Ms.; five sons, W. M. Stennett, of Baton Rouge, L. C. Stennett, of Monroe, E. B. Stennett, of Glenrock, Wyo., J. W. Stennett, of Port Sulpher, L. A. Stennett, of Chickasha, Ok.

Also surviving are a sister Mrs. Sue Smith, of Quitman, Ms.; 30 grand children and 31 great-grandchildren.

Pall bears will be J. H. Payne, L. B. Honeycutt, Warren Blake, L. O. Stennett Jr., Tommy Carothers, Percy Hotard.

¹Louise Honeycutt Thurmond lists Leonard Alton's birthdate as May 29, 1921.

²No date.

ELDER'S CREDENTIALS

To All Whom It May Concern:

Be it Known That J. B. Stennett having been
elected by the Mississippi Annual Conference of Ministers and Delegates,
was ordained for the office of ELDER IN THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, and he is
hereby authorized by said Conference, so long as his life and doctrines accord with the Holy Scriptures,
to administer the Lord's Supper, to Baptize, to celebrate Matrimony, and to feed the flock of God, taking
the oversight not as a lord over God's heritage, but being an example to the flock.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Mississippi Annual Conference,

On Dec. 2nd A.D., 1914

R. H. M. P. C. C. C. President.

B. J. Harrington Secretary.

John Bridges Stennett

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BERTHA ASLINE STENNETT (HONEYCUTT)

Bertha Asline Stennett (Honeycutt) (1-2-1-3-6-3)

- b. Dec. 29, 1907, Pineville, MS
- m. Leo Baxter Honeycutt Sr., Dec. 25, 1928
- c. Louise Sophronia (Hotard) (Thurmond) (1-2-1-3-6-3-1)
 - b. Nov. 4, 1929, Mounds, LA
 - m. (1) Percy Joseph Hotard, April 21, 1945
(2) Nathaniel Burton Thurmond Jr.
 - c. (1) Betty Ann (Flacy) (1-2-1-3-6-3-1-1)
 - b. Feb. 2, 1947, Thibodaux, LA
 - m. Robert Martin Flacy, July 19.
 - (1) Mary Jeannette (1-2-1-3-6-3-1-2)
 - b. Aug. 31, 1948, Oak Grove, LA
 - (1) Richard Alfred (1-2-1-3-6-3-1-3)
 - b. June 14, 1949, Pioneer, LA
 - (1) Howard O'Neal (1-2-1-3-6-3-1-4)
 - b. June 29, 1950, Pioneer, LA

Dorothy Jane (Dyke) (1-2-1-3-6-3-2)

- b. March 1, 1930, West Monroe, LA
- m. James Edward Dyke, May 20, 1951

Leo Baxter Jr. (1-2-1-3-6-3-3)

- b. Dec. 19, 1931, West Monroe, LA
- m. Nettie Marie Smith, March 8, 1953

Virginia Adell (Stover) (1-2-1-3-6-3-4)

- b. Aug. 29, 1934, West Monroe, LA
- m. Orville Edward Stover

Lillian Velleria (Gregory) (1-2-1-3-6-3-5)

- b. June 14, 1936, West Monroe, LA
- m. Burl Gregory Jr., July 3, 1952

Margie Faye (1-2-1-3-6-3-6)

- b. July 20, 1938, West Monroe, LA

Carl Benard (1-2-1-3-6-3-7)

- b. Sept. 7, 1940, West Monroe, LA
- m. Linda Lee Cothran, Nov. 4, 1961

Bobby Joe (1-2-1-3-6-3-8)

- b. Aug. 14, 1942, West Monroe, LA
- m. Helen Louise Robbins, Dec. 1, 1967

Hayward McElree (1-2-1-3-6-3-9)

- b. March 19, 1945, Oak Grove, LA

Nellie Sue (1-2-1-3-6-3-10)

- b. Feb. 10, 1947, Oak Grove, LA

Russell (1-2-1-3-5-3-11)

- b. June 8, 1948, Oak Grove, LA

Frances Lynn (Wells) (1-2-1-3-6-3-12)

- b. Oct. 1, 1949, Oak Grove, LA
- m. Jimmy Micheal Wells Sr., July 28, 1967

Cherry Diane (Peterson) (1-2-1-3-6-3-13)

- b. Jan. 3, 1952, Oak Grove, LA
- m. Steve Roy Peterson, July 25, 1969

The Stennetts in America



FRANK SYLVAN STENNETT

The Stennetts in America

I end with a poem about a logger, and a piece entitled, "The Farmer's and Rancher's Prayer".



"As I sat down one evenin' in a timber town cafe
A six-foot-seven waitress to me these words did say:
I see you are a logger and not a common bum.
For no one but a logger stirs his coffee with his thumb.
My lover was a logger. There's none like him today.
If you'd sprinkle whiskey on it, he'd eat a bale of hay.
He never shaved the whiskers from his horny hide;
But he'd pound them with a hammer, then bite 'em off inside.
My logger came to see me, one freezing winter day.
He held me in a fond embrace that broke three vertebrae.
He kissed me when we parted, so hard he broke my jaw.
And I could not speak to tell him he'd forgot his mackinaw.
I watched my logger love going through the snow,
A-sauntering homewards at forty-eight below.
The weather tried to freeze him. It tried its level best.
At a hundred degrees below zero, he buttoned up his vest.
It froze clean down to China. It froze the stars above.
At a thousand degrees below zero, it froze my logger love.
They tried in vain to thaw him. Then if you'll believe me sir,
They made him into ax blades to chop the Douglas fir.
That's how I lost my lover and in this cafe did come.
And here I wait till someone stirs his coffee with his thumb.
And then I tell my story of my love that could not thaw.
Who kissed me when we parted - so hard he broke my jaw."

THE FARMERS AND RANCHERS PRAYER

As farmers and ranchers, dear God, give us the patience and wisdom to understand why a pound of steak at \$1.80 is "high", but a three ounce cocktail at \$1.50 is acceptable.

And Lord, help me to understand why \$3.00 for a ticket to the movie is "not bad", but \$3.50 for a bushel of wheat that makes 50 loaves of bread is considered unreasonable.

And a 50-cent coke at the ball game is "OK", but a 20 cent glass of milk for breakfast is inflationary.

Cotton is "too high" at 65 cents a pound, but a \$20 shirt is viewed as a bargain.

And corn is "too steep" at 3 cents' worth in a box of flakes, but the flakes are sold for 50 cents a serving.

And also Lord, help me understand why I have to give an easement to the gas company so they can cross my property with their gaslines, and before they get it installed the price of gas has doubled.

And while you're at it, dear God, please help me understand the consumer who drives by my field and raises eyebrows when he sees me driving a \$30,000 tractor that he helped put together so he could make money and drive down the right-of-way they took from me to build a road so he can go hunting and fishing.

Also, dear Lord, try to help me accept the fact that for years I have labored and tilled the soil and paid my taxes; and then after me and ma are gone our kids will probably have to pay more in death taxes than the farm cost in the first place.

Thank you, God, for your past guidance. I hope you can help me make some sense out of all this. And please, God, send some rain.

Source Unknown.

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ENDING STATEMENT ** 1985

This book has been prepared section by section over a period of two or more years, and typing progressed over time. Although it has been edited to give it better continuity, structure, and reading appeal, there are some repetitions from section to section, and other errors.

Since this is an information type book, it contains my research and conclusions. Other books may be written from it.

There is enough basic information here to write an interesting story about each of our ancestors.

During the cold months, I have kept busy over two years in research and writing, which I have enjoyed as a hobby. Because I could not go to all the places where research was needed, I had to hire that work done.

For all the Stennetts that have a different ancestral line, I encourage each of you to pursue a course of research and discover your genealogy and family history. It is a rewarding endeavor. I hope the reference sources in this book will provide a starting point, and some good records.

Everyone should leave clear tracks so further generations can easily follow you through your life. If our ancestors had left a clear trail my job would have been easy. Also, like me, they were too busy making a living to give great concern about ancestors. But, unlike me, in their retirement years they left very few records.

If any of you have any additional information, send it to me and I can make an addendum, if necessary, to this book and provide a copy to those who may want one.

THE AUTHOR

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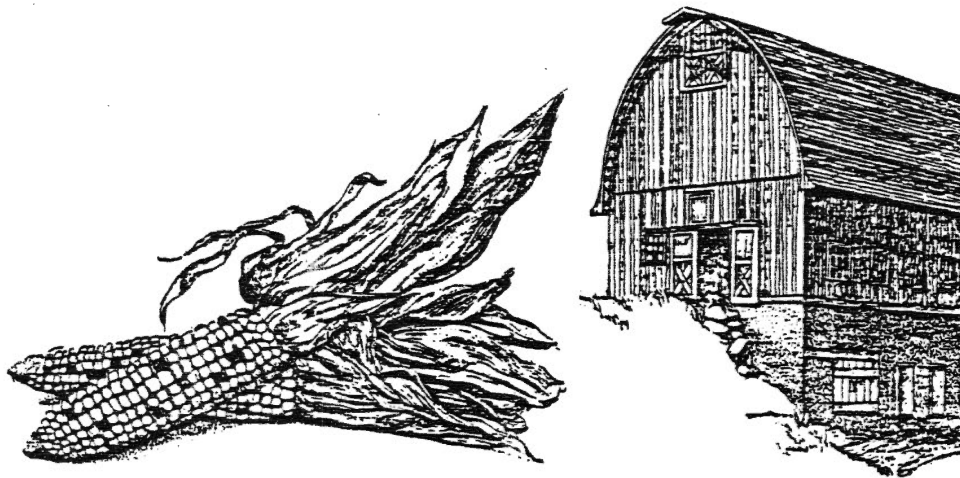
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HELEN LOIS STENNETT VANCE

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1 | 32 | Miss.

B. M. Stennett
Priv., Co. K, 32 Reg't Mississippi Vols.

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for July & Aug., 1863.

Enlisted:
When Apr 30, 1862.
Where Corinth
By whom Col. Lowry
Period 3 years
Last paid:
By whom Capt. Shaver
To what time June 30, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

About April 9, 1865, this regiment was consolidated with the 2d Battalion and the 5th and 8th Regiments Mississippi Infantry and formed the 5th Battalion Mississippi Infantry.

Book mark:

J. A. Dorris Agent

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1 | 32 | Miss.

B. M. Stennett
Priv., Co. K, 32 Reg't Mississippi Vols.

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for Sept. & Oct., 1863.

Enlisted:
When Apr 30, 1862.
Where Corinth
By whom Col. Lowry
Period 3 years
Last paid:
By whom Capt. Shaver
To what time Aug. 31, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

About April 9, 1865, this regiment was consolidated with the 3d Battalion and the 5th and 8th Regiments Mississippi Infantry and formed the 5th Battalion Mississippi Infantry.

Book mark:

J. A. Dorris Agent

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S 32 Miss.

B. M. Stennett
Pvt., Co. K, 32 Reg't Mississippi Vols.

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,

for May & June, 1862.

Enlisted:
When April 30, 1862

Where Corinth, Miss.

By whom Col. Lowrey

Period 3 yrs

Last paid:
By whom J. T. Shepard

To what time life or, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

About April 9, 1863, this regiment was consolidated with the 3d Battalion and the 5th and 8th Regiments Mississippi Infantry and formed the 8th Battalion Mississippi Infantry.

Book mark:

J. B. Dowd
(642) Copyist

(Confederate.)
S 32 Miss.

B. M. Stennett
Pvt., Co. K, 32 Reg't Mississippi Vols.

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,

for July & Aug., 1862.
Natal Sept 24, 1862

Enlisted:
When April 30, 1862

Where Corinth

By whom Col. Lowrey

Period 3 years

Last paid:
By whom P. A. Malone

To what time June 30, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

x Name appears in Column
Names present as B. M.
Stennett

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D 32 Miss.
B. M. Stennett
Pvt, Co. K, 32 Reg't Mississippi Vols.
Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for Jan. & Feb., 1864.
Enlisted:
When Apr 30, 1862
Where Corinth
By whom Col. Lowrey
Period 3 years
Last paid:
By whom Capt. Shearer
To what time Dec. 31, 1863.
Present or absent Present
Remarks:

About April 9, 1865, this regiment was consolidated with
the 2d Battalion and the 5th and 8th Regiments Mississippi
Infantry and formed the 8th Battalion Mississippi Infantry.
Book mark:
J. H. Dowd
Capt.

(Confederate.)
D 32 Miss.
B. M. Stennett
Pvt, Co. K, 32 Reg't Mississippi Vols.
Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for March & April, 1864.
Enlisted:
When Apr 30, 1862
Where Corinth, Miss.
By whom Col. Lowrey
Period 3 yrs
Last paid:
By whom Capt. P. H. Shearer
To what time Dec. 31, 1863.
Present or absent Present
Remarks:

About April 9, 1865, this regiment was consolidated with
the 2d Battalion and the 5th and 8th Regiments Mississippi
Infantry and formed the 8th Battalion Mississippi Infantry.
Book mark:
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GENERATIONS FORWARD FROM BENJAMIN MARRION (or MERRITT) STENNETT was compiled by his great great granddaughter Helen Lois Stennett Vance with helpful information given to her by: Vera Johnnie Stennett Whitaker and her children, William Edward Hodge, Robert Lee Stennett, her grandmother Nancy Elizabeth Fedrilla Meadows Stennett back in 1938 and her cousins and aunts over the years.

BENJAMIN M. STENNETT, born Oct. 22, 1792 in Virginia
and
BETSY ANN MATTHEWS, born in 1801 in Virginia

CHILDREN:

- I. SARAH SALLIE STENNETT, born 1820, Davidson County, Tennessee married William Levi Vandeuorder.
- II. WILLIAM C. STENNETT, born 1822. No record.
- III. ARTERY MISHIA STENNETT, born Dec. 1, 1824. No record.
- IV. GEORGE LESSAW STENNETT, born Apr. 4, 1826. Married Elizabeth Martin.
- V. BENJAMIN MARRION STENNETT, born Sept. 24, 1829, in Davidson County Tennessee. First marriage to Rebecca Pate; second marriage to Sarah Finch.
- VI. ELIZABETH ANN STENNETT, born 1831. Married Elisha H. Tyra.
- VII. WILLAUGHBER (WILLBUR) W. STENNETT, born Oct. 16, 1832. Married Nancy Miller.
- VIII. THOMAS A. STENNETT, born October 1835, Kemper County Mississippi. Married Dacia Green.
- IX. MARY JANE STENNETT, born Feb. 5, 1837, Kemper County Mississippi. Married Toby Kizer.

BENJAMIN M. STENNETT'S FATHER WAS WILLIAM STENNETT. Helen's notes from 1938 indicate that she had relatives by the names of: Saul, Kizer and Cunningham.

- I. Sarah Sallie Stennett, born 1816 in Tennessee. Married Levi Vandeuorder.
 1. Benjamin Vandeuorder, born 1840.
 2. Mary E. Vandeuorder, born 1842 in Mississippi. Married John Willis Green in Mississippi.
 3. James K. Vandeuorder, born 1843 in Mississippi.
 4. Sarah S. Vandeuorder, born 1845 in Mississippi.
 5. William L. Vandeuorder, born 1846 in Mississippi.

According to the census of Tishomingo County Mississippi in 1850, Sarah lived with Benjamin Stennett and the name was spelled Vanderine.

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- IV. George Lessaw Stennett, born 1826, Tennessee. Married Elizabeth Martin.
1. Elizabeth Stennett, believed never married.
 2. Sarah Stennett, married Luke Short.
 3. Mary D. Stennett, believed called Della. Married Silvester Massey.
 - A. Tom Massey married Elizabeth Stennett.
 - B. William W. Massey
 4. Ben M. Stennett. Married Sarah Short (Luke's sister).
 5. Thomas Stennett

- IV-4. Ben M. Stennett, born 1877, died 1924. Married Sarah Short, born 1872, died 1918.
- IV4-1. Terry Stennett
 - IV4-2. Woodrow Stennett
 - IV4-3. Clifford Stennett
 - IV4-4. Cullen Stennett
 - IV4-5.
 - IV4-6. Had several daughters.

- V. Benjamin Marrion Stennett, born 1829 in Tennessee.
First marriage to Rebecca Pate, born 1829, believed in Tennessee.
1. Molley Stennett, died at an early age.
 2. Jefferson Davis Stennett, born Jan. 6, 1861 in Miss.
 3. Charley H. Stennett, born 1866 in Mississippi.
- Second marriage to Sarah Finch, born 1823. She was previously married to a Crab; they had one child who died. He was missing in the Civil War.
4. Benjamin M. Stennett, born 1871.
 5. Sarah Rebecca Stennett, born 1873.
 6. John F. Stennett, born 1876.
 7. Hight Stennett, born 1879.
 8. Dalton Stennett, born 1881.

- V-2. Jefferson Davis Stennett, born Jan. 6, 1861 in Mississippi, died March 14, 1931. Married Nancy Elizabeth Federilla Meadows, born Feb. 1866 in Alabama, died April 19, 1958.

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Jefferson Davis Stennett swam the Mississippi River to get their marriage license.

- V2-A. B. F. (Bennie) Stennett, born Oct. 5, 1884, died in early childhood.
- V2-B. J. L. (Jessie) Stennett, born Nov. 5, 1886, died in early childhood. He fell into an old iron wash tub with hot water in it. His mother felt that it was the end to everything...probably why she was over-protective thereafter.
- V2-C. Myrtle M. Stennett, born Jan. 20, 1888.
- V2-D. Harvey Austin Stennett, born Sept. 10, 1891.
- V2-E. Walter D. Stennett, born Jan. 31, 1894.
- V2-F. Edward Ellis Stennett, born Sept. 22, 1886.
- V2-G. Rollie Amos Stennett, born Jan. 22, 1899.
- V2-H. Lois Mable Stennett, born Sept. 13, 1901.
- V2-I. Rayford Delorm Stennett, born Jan. 27, 1904.
- V2-J. Eva Rachel Stennett, born Jan. 27, 1907.

- V2-C. Myrtle M. Stennett, born Jan. 20, 1888 at Decator, Tx., died Jan. 9, 1934, Wellington, Texas. Married Herman Rogers, born July 1892 in Sparta, Tennessee.
- V2C-1. Hermett Armell Rogers, born June 12, 1922, married March 6, 1945 to Lucille Brignac, born Sept. 12, 1925.
 - V2C1-A. Charles Rogers, born July 27, 1946, married Sharrell Normand.
 - V2C1A-1. Mark Allen Rogers
 - V2C1A-2. Darrel Keith Rogers
 - V2C1-B. Johnnie Rogers, born Jan. 2, 1949, married Melody Pinnix.
 - V2C1B-1. Vickie Adele Rogers
 - V2C1-C. William Rogers, born Oct. 31, 1952, married Kathy Watts.
 - V2C1C-1. Jason Trent Rogers
- V2C-2. Kermett Arnell Rogers, born June 12, 1922, married Rose Salvanto, born April 22, 1925.
 - V2C2-A. Herbert Arnell Rogers, born Aug. 18, 1946, married Wendy Marie Osborn, born Nov. 1, 1949.

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- V2-D. Harvey Austin Stennett, born Sept. 10, 1891 at Decator, Tx., died May 20, 1951 at Bowie, Tx. Married Frankie Inis Bayne, born Sept. 1, 1904. Harvey played the violin beautifully.
- V2D-1. Kenneth Phillip Stennett, born July, 1925 at Paducah, Tx., died June 12, 1981. He was a prisoner of war in World War II. Married Erma Morgan.
- V2D-2. Robert Donald Stennett, born June 17, 1927 at Paducah, Tx. Married Marjorie Edwards.
- V2D-3. Beverly Maurice Stennett, born July 31, 1929, 4½ miles north of Paducah, Tx. Married Marjorie Alyne Scroggins, born Aug. 19, 1934 at Bowie, Tx.
- V2D-4. Max Ray Stennett, born May 30, 1931, Paducah, Tx. Married Betty Jean Ellis, born Feb. 4, 1933, Bowie, Tx.

- V2D-1. Kenneth Phillip Stennett, born July 26, 1925. Married Erma Morgan.
- V2D1-A. Marsha Stennett married Carl Leavitt. They have one child and three grandchildren.
- V2D1-B. Beverly Elaine Stennett - stillborn.
- V2D1-C. Karen Stennett

- V2D-2. Robert Donald Stennett, born June 17, 1927. Married Marjorie Edwards.
- V2D2-A. Robert Donald Stennett, Jr. Married Jan _____. They have three children. Robert Donald Stennett Jr. is a minister in Colorado.
- V2D2-B. Becky Stennett.

- V2D-3. Beverly Maurice Stennett, born July 31, 1929. Married Marjorie Alyne Scroggins, born Aug. 19, 1934.
- V2D3-A. Terry Dwite Stennett, born April 25, 1951 at Bowie, Tx. Married Irene Isreal from Odessa or Midland, Tx.
- V2D3A-1. Ginger D. Stennett, born Apr. 13, 1972.
- V2D3A-2. Terry Dwite Stennett, Jr., born Sept. 3, 1973.
- V2D3A-3. Machelie Stennett, born Oct. 2, 1976.
- V2D3A-4. Janee Stennett, born March 2, 1977.

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- V2D3-B. Treva Kathleen Stennett, born June 2, 1953, Dumas, Tx. Married Eddie McReynolds.
V2D3B-1. Joseph Michael Wayne McReynolds, born born in Sonova.
- V2D3-C. Floyd Dale Stennett, born Aug. 31, 1955, Dumas, Tx. Married Lori Cornett of Ft. Stockton.
V2D3C-1. Nicole Stennett, born June 6, 1983.
- V2D3-D. Beverly Janelle Stennett, born Mar. 18, 1958 at Odessa, Tx. Married Kelly Wayne Evans on Aug. 17, 1975.
V2D3D-1. Kelly Janelle Evans, born Feb. 26, 1976.
V2D3D-2. Bryan Lee Evans, born Oct. 30, 1978.
V2D3D-3. "Chance" Chancellor Stennett Evans, born Jan. 4, 1982.

- V2D-4. Max Ray Stennett, born May 30, 1931 at Paducah, Tx. Married Betty Jean Ellis, born Feb. 4, 1933 at Bowie, Tx.
- V2D4-A. Vicki Sue Stennett, born Sept. 14, 1953. Married Perry Lee Curry.
V2D4A-1. Nikki Christine Curry, born Apr. 5, 1970.
V2D4A-2. Lorri Lee Curry, born Oct. 23, 1971.
V2D4A-3. They also have a son.
- V2D4-B. Robert Ray Stennett, born Dec. 24, 1955, Bowie, Tx. He is married and is a musician.
- V2D4-C. Rhonda Jean Stennett, born Sept. 4, 1963, Dallas, Tx.

- V2E. Walter D. Stennett, born Jan. 31, 1894, Decator, Tx., died Dec. 24, 1937. Married Nov. 5, 1922 to Lois McCain, born Mar. 5, 1903, Dublin, Tx., died July 10, 1923.
- V2E-1. Helen Lois Stennett, born July 9, 1923 at Quannah, Tx., First marriage on Sept. 6, 1941 to Leland Wayne French, born Dec. 15, 1922 at Afton, Tx., died Nov. 6, 1974. They had been divorced some twenty years.
- V2E1-A. Lynn Wayland French, born June 28, 1942, 5½ miles north of Paducah, Tx. Married Mar. 25, 1961 to Margret Lee (Peg) Kidwell, born at St. Petersburg, Fla., born Jan. 11, 1943. She was born the daughter of Virgile Leroy Herbert and

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was adopted by her stepfather when her mother Alice Favorite Herbert married John Kidwell.

V2E1A-1. Caryn Lynn French, born Nov. 22, 1961, Long Beach, Ca. Married (Jim) James Paul Setterquist, born Aug. 9, 1959.

V2E1A1-a. Janelle Elizabeth Setterquist, born Oct. 24, 1979, Castle AFA Ca., near Merced, Ca.

V2E1A1-b. James Paul Setterquist Jr., born Aug. 28, 1984, Eglin AFB, Fla.

V2E1A-2. Sharon Rae (Sheri) French, born Nov. 23, 1963, San Bernardino, Ca. Married Lonnie Wayne Anderson, July 10, 1982. He was born Aug. 14, 1959, Seattle, Wa.

V2E1-B. Rondy Neil French, born Dec. 17, 1944 at Childress, Tx. Married Oct. 10, 1963 to Linda Laverne Plunket, born June 19, 1945, Garden Grove, Ca.

V2E1B-1. Rondy Neil French Jr., born Apr. 3, 1964, San Bernardino, Ca., died Aug. 28, 1982. Rondy Neil French Jr. was adopted by stepfather when Linda remarried. Changed name to Neil Wayne Mowles. He drowned in Texahoma Lake near Durnat, Okla. He visited his real dad the last two years and Rondy paid for extensive tooth work and braces.

Second marriage on May 20, 1967 to Pamela Patricia (Pam) Burr, born Aug. 25, 1944, Duluth, Minn. Pam's parents are Claude M. Burr and Jenevieve Cecile (Norwall changed to Norvall) Burr.

V2E1B-2. Michael Cory French, born Aug. 12, 1968, San Bernardino, Ca.

V2E1B-3. Jamie Shaldon French, born Oct. 23, 1971, San Bernardino, Ca.

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V2E1-C. Eugenia Navon French, born May 26, 1946, San Angelo, Tx. Married Nov. 10, 1962 to James Vernon Vance, born June 19, 1943. He is son of Vernon George Vance and Dorothy (Bell) Vance.

V2E1C-1. Richard James (Ricky) Vance, born June 7, 1963, San Bernardino, Ca.

V2E1C-2. John Michael Vance, born Oct. 2, 1966, San Bernardino, Ca.

V2E1-D. Kirby Allan French, born Oct. 12, 1948, San Angelo, Tx. Married Oct. 11, 1970 to Verda Jane Amyl (Vee) Schaffer, born Oct. 9, 1950, Connellsville, Pa. Her parents were Verdane Melvin Schaffer and Adabelle (Deyarman) Schaffer.

V2E1D-1. Katrina Dyan French, born Nov. 13, 1978, Community Hospital, San Bernardino, Ca. She had fluid in lungs.

V2E1D-2. Tammy Lyrae French, born Nov. 23, 1979, Community Hospital, San Bernardino, Ca.

V2E1D-3. Adrain Allyn French, born July 8, 1982, Community Hospital, San Bernardino, Ca.

Helen Lois Stennett married second time March 15, 1965 to Babe Winfred Piatt, born May 10, 1921, Big Bear, Ca. After divorce, she took the name French back.

Helen Lois Stennett married for the third time on November 11, 1979, to Vernon George Vance at Wee Kirk of the Heather in Las Vegas, Nevada. Vernon was born Feb. 1, 1916 at San Bernardino, Ca. Vernon's first wife Dorothy (Bell) Vance died in 1974. They had two children: 1-James Vernon Vance who married Eugenia Navon French and 2-Dorothy Louise Vance who married Dave Allexander and they have two boys, Brian and Jason. Dorothy (Dotty) teaches school in Virginia.

Helen quit smoking when she married Vernon George Vance. She always told the children that a happy married woman never smokes. Vernon worked 41 years for the Santa Fe Railroad.

Walter D. Stennett married the second time to Annie (Wanda) Standfield when Helen was about six years old. She had son from a previous marriage, Thomas Jefferson Standfield "T.J." for short.

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- V2-F. Edward Ellis Stennett, born Sept. 22, 1896, died Oct. 20, 1968 at Plainview, Tx. Married Gertrude Davis, born Oct. 9, 1900, died Mar. 6, 1975, at Plainview, Tx. He was firechief at Hale Center, Tx. for over 30 years.
- V2F-1. Dorothy Theola Stennett, born Dec. 15, 1919, Quannah, Tx. Married Jesse Dewey Sumrall, born Nov. 27, 1907, Stevenville, Tx.
- V2F1-A. Robert Donald Sumrall, born Aug. 13, 1938, Hale Center, Tx. Married Helen Elizabeth Bell, born Apr. 22, 1942, Collinwood, Canada.
- V2F1A-1. Joseph Chadwick Sumrall, born Mar. 11, 1967, Hale Center, Tx.
- V2F1A-2. Bradley Donald Sumrall, born Nov. 6, 1968, Ft. Worth, Tx.
- V2F1A-3. Stephinia Grace Sumrall, born Oct. 11, 1970, Ft. Worth, Tx.
- V2F1-B. James Edward Sumrall, born Sept. 16, 1939, Hale Center, Tx.
- V2F-2. J. D. (Jimmy) Stennett, born Oct. 22, 1924, Tx. Married Theresa Andrae. Both of them and their children are in medical professions.
- V2F2-A. Gary Stennett, born Nov. 25, 1951. Married Debbie Bybee.
- V2F2A-1. Brandye Stennett
- V2F2A-2. Garrett Tucker Stennett
- V2F2-B. Doug Stennett, born Aug. 10, 1956.
- V2F2-C. Kevin Stennett, born Oct. 10, 1960.
- V2F2-D. Mike Stennett, born Jan. 13, 1963.
- V2F-3. Nelda Earl Stennett, believed born 1927 at Hale Center, Tx. Married Ralph Wardlow.
- V2F3-A. Evelyn Wardlow, believed born in Alaska. Married Tom Ellis.
- V2F3A-1. Richard Ellis, believed born in 1962.
- V2F3A-2. Tammy Ellis, believed born in 1964.
- V2F3A-3. Sandra Ellis, believed born in 1966.
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- V2-G. Rollie Amos Stennett, born Jan. 22, 1899, Decator, Tx. died Nov. 30, 1963. Married Beatrice Clements, born Sept. 3, 1905.

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V2G-1. Melba Lorene Stennett, born Dec. 7, 1923.
Married Douglas Wilson Campbell, born Aug. 28,
1924, Montague, Tx.

V2G1-A. Janet Lanell Campbell, born Dec. 23,
1945, Paducah, Tx. First married to
James Edward Jackson, born Aug. 25,
1942.

V2G1A-1. Denisa Lynn Jackson, born
Nov. 26, 1965. Married Marcus
Wayne Humphries, born Nov. 27,
1963 on Jan. 27, 1984.

V2G1A1-1. Hope Necole Humphries

V2G1A-2. Debbie Ann Jackson, born Apr. 10
1968.

Janet Lanell Campbell is now married to
Dean Murray, born March 1944.

V2G1-B. Nancy Beth Campbell, born Jan. 24, 1948,
Paducah, Tx. Married Ronald Dale Rhodes,
born Jan. 5, 1948.

V2G1B-1. Kimberly Anne Rhodes, born
Nov. 28, 1970.

V2G1B-2. Kelly Sue Rhodes, born Sept. 18,
1972.

V2G1B-3. Third child lived 7 min., born
Aug. 15, 1974.

V2G1B-4. (adopted) Jeremy Paul Rhodes,
born Mar. 10, 1975.

V2G1-C. Larry Douglas Campbell, born Aug. 3,
1951, Paducah, Tx. First marriage to
Madenia Ilene Stansbury, born Oct. 6,
1953, Baird, Tx.

V2G1C-1. Kerry Ann Campbell, born
Jan 21, 1970.

V2G1C-2. Larry Joseph Campbell, born
Oct. 13, 1971.

V2G1C-3. Media Inez Campbell, born
Jan. 21, 1973.

Second marriage on May 21, 1976 to Teena
Clark, born July 10, 1953.

V2G1-D. Dennis Lee Campbell, born Sept. 22, 1955,
Dumas, Tx. Married Virginia Janelle S.
born Aug. 26, 1955.

V2G1D-1. Zebulan Nathan Campbell, born
May 28, 1981.

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- V2G-2. Weldon A. Stennett, born Jan. 1, 1926, Paducah, Tx. Married Aug. 9, 1947 at Plainview, Tx. to Willma Jean McMaster from Memphis, Tenn., born Dec. 9, 1927.
- V2G2-A. Glen Weldon Stennett, born July 22, 1948, Paducah, Tx. Married June 14, 1967 to Nancy Elizabeth Putman, born Dec. 13, 1950.
- V2G2A-1. Glenna Michelle Stennett, born Sept. 6, 1968.
- V2G2A-2. Shelly Robin Stennett, born Dec. 26, 1970, Weatherford, Tx.
- V2G2A-3. Dwayne Albert Stennett, born Apr. 23, 1972, Eastland, Tx.
- V2G2A-4. Melissa Diane Stennett, born Feb. 13, 1974, Eastland, Tx.
- V2G2-B. William Neal Stennett, born Aug. 20, 1950, Paducah, Tx. Married Dec. 18, 1971 to Linda Kay Armstrong, born July 8, 1953.
- V2G2B-1. Emily Kay Stennett, Dec. 5, 1973, Georgia.
- V2G2B-2. Benjamin Neal Stennett, born Nov. 12, 1976, Cleburne, Tx.
- V2G2-C. Walter Eugene Stennett, born Nov. 26, 1951, Paducah, Tx. Married June 29, 1974 at Carbon, Tx. to Charlotte Harle. She had a daughter, Deleisa.
- V2G2C-1. Deleisa Stennett, born Sept. 1, 1973.
- V2G2C-2. Amanda Kay Stennett, born Nov. 20, 1977, Eastland, Tx.
- V2G2C-3. Rebecca Lynn Stennett, born Apr. 25, 1982, Mineral Wells, Tx.
- V2G2-D. Kathy Stennett, born May 21, 1956, Dumas, Tx. Married on Dec. 19, 1975 to Billy Jack Bush, born Dec. 28, 1955.
- V2G2D-1. Kirby Dale Bush, born Oct. 31, 1977, Eastland, Tx.
- V2G2D-2. Rachael Jeanene Bush, born Dec. 14, 1980, Eastland, Tx.
- V2G2-E. Kristy Lou Stennett, born Feb. 23, 1959, Dumas, Tx. Married July 8, 1977 to Jerry Don Ballinger, born July 26, 1958.
- V2G2E-1. Jessica LeAnn Ballinger, born Dec. 15, 1984.

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- V2G2-F. Dwight Ray Stennett, born Apr. 7, 1963, Eastland, Tx.
- V2G-3. Rollie Wayne Stennett, born Oct. 14, 1933, Paducah, Tx. Married in 1954 to Mary Creech from Rising Star, Tx. Born Feb. 1936.
- V2G3-A. Gary Wayne Stennett, born June 2, 1955, Paducah, Tx. Married Cheryl Holdridge, born June 9, 1954.
- V2G3A-1. Brenna Diane Stennett, born Jan. 5, 1978.
- V2G3A-2. Marcie Deann Stennett, born June 19, 1980.
- V2G3A-3. Kevin Wayne Stennett, born Sept. 25, 1984.
- V2G3-B. Billy Kent Stennett, born Jan. 1, 1960. Married Patti Martin born Oct. 8, 1964. Married Sept. 17, 1983.
- V2G3-C. Sandy Kay Stennett, born May 7, 1967.
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- V2-H. Lois Mable Stennett, born Sept. 13, 1901, Decatur, Tx. Died Nov. 9, 1975. First married to Elmer Elwood Kilpatrick.
- V2H-1. Afton Elwood Kilpatrick, born Oct. 29, 1923, Paducah, Tx. Died Nov. 8, 1966 in Chicago, Il. Buried in Garden of Memories, Paducah, Tx. First married to Helen _____ Burton after Herman Burton's death.
- V2H1-A. Rock (Rocky) Elwood Kilpatrick, AKA Afton Elwood Kilpatrick Jr. He has two birth certificates. First married to Sandra Darline _____.
- V2H1A-1. Patrick Robert Kilpatrick, born Apr. 27, 1967, Chicago, Il.
- V2H1A-2. Sheri Linda Kilpatrick, born May 10, 1969, Chicago, Il.
- Second marriage to Nancy Lewis, born May 4, 1954, Alabama.
- V2H1-B. Charlotte Ann (Dody) Kilpatrick, born Nov. 30, 1949, Chicago, Il. First married to Roy Buijk, Sr.
- V2H1B-1. Charles Roy Buijk Jr., born Apr. 2, 1967, Chicago, Il.
- V2H1B-2. John Dredrick Buijk, born Mar. 6, 1968, Chicago, Il.
- Second marriage to Robert Ungar.

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V2H1B-3. Tracy Ann Ungar, born Apr. 24,
1973, Chicago, Il.

Lois Stennett's second marriage to Markum Parker. He had
three children by a previous marriage: Clarence Parker,
Vernon Parker and Roseland Parker

V2-I. Rayford Delorm Stennett, born Apr. 23, 1904 at Throck
Morton, Tx. Died Mar. 8, 1962, Plainview, Tx. Married
Feb. 28, 1926 to Mae Trene Chaney, born Jan. 14, 1908.

V2I-1. Viola Mae Stennett, born Apr. 4, 1927, Paducah,
Tx. On Mar. 10, 1950 married Joe Paul Degge,
born Dec. 1, 1925.

V2I1-A. Michael Paul Degge, born Oct. 1, 1951.
Married Janet Carroll Francis on May 11,
1975.

V2I1A-1. Aaron Michael Degge, born
July 17, 1975.

V2I1-B. David Wayne Degge, born Mar. 6, 1956.
Married Mar. 29, 1975 to Kathy Lou White.

V2I-2. Charles Rayford Stennett, born Mar. 8, 1932, Hale
Center, Tx. Married Ova Lee Williamson, born
Mar. 10, 1935.

V2I2-A. Charles Randall Stennett, born Oct. 29,
1958. Married Sara _____ on May 23, 1980.

V2I2A-1. Curtis Russel Stennett, born
Sept. 28, 1983.

V2I2-B. Charla Rae Stennett, born Aug. 4, 1964.

Mae Chaney Stennett married Oct. 18, 1970 to Joseph Teidor
(Ted) Chambers.

V2-J. Eva Rachael Stennett, born Jan. 27, 1907, Throck Morton,
Tx. Died Dec. 1, 1973 at Ft. Worth, Tx. Married Robert D.
(Bob) Bratton, born Nov. 23, 1906, died Mar. 19, 1960.

V2J-1. Bobby Fern Bratton, born July 12, 1925. Married
Jan. 24, 1945 to Glen Wheeler Mimms, called "Pete,"
born June 1, 1918.

V2J1-A. Robert Kelly Mimms, born Aug. 23, 1946.
Married Apr. 19, 1967 to Marsha Leigh
Pirr.

V2J1A-1. Cari Lynn Mimms, born May 2,
1968.

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- V2J1-B. Glenda Jill Mimms, born June 23, 1950.
Married June 11, 1971 to Alvin Foster
Moudy Jr., born July 26, 1951.
- V2J1B-1. Gabe Wheeler Moudy, born
Jan. 31, 1974.
- V2J1B-2. Robyn Mary Moudy, born Jan. 17,
1976.
- V2J1B-3. Lynsey Allison Moudy, born
Mar. 7, 1981.
- V2J1-C. Clay Scott Mimms, born Apr. 18, 1953.
Married June 13, 1975 to Reta Paulett
Settle.
- V2J1C-1. Blake Bradley Mimms, born
Apr. 30, 1979.
- V2J1C-2. Kati Panett Mimms, born May 13,
1983.
- V2J1-D. Tracy Eugene Mimms, born June 24, 1956.
Married on Oct. 18, 1982 to Julia Bra-
shears.
- V2J1D-1. Cory Wheeler Mimms, born
Aug. 15, 1983.
- V2J-2. Cherrye Lynn Bratton, born at Crosbyton, Tx., 1941.
Married Aug. 9, 1963 to Ronny Washam.
- V2J2-A. Ronda Lynn Washam, born Feb. 11, 1965.
- V2J2A-1. Nicole Lynn Washam, born
Dec. 12, 1983.
- V2J2-B. Tara Lynn Washam, born Dec. 3, 1967.
- V2J2-C. Ronald Dixon Washam, born Dec. 31, 1970.
- Cherrye Lynn Bratton married second time to Glenn
Dean on July 9, 1983.
- Eva Rachael Stennett Bratton was a seamstress. Robert D.
Bratton was a ginner and later in life was inspector to
Hobbs Trailers.

- V-3. Charles Houston Stennett, born 1866, died 1938. Married
Mary Ellen Polk, previously married to a Yarber and they
had one son, Will Yarber. Charlie and Mary Ellen did not
have any children. She also died in 1938 shortly before
he died. She was born in 1857. They spent their entire
life in and around Marrietta and Booneville, Mississippi.
His stepson still lives around there. He and his stepson
were always kidding one another...both full of fun.

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- V-6. John Stennett, born Nov. 8, 1875 near Marrietta, Miss. Died 1946 at Lubbock, Tx. Married Apr. 27, 1902 to Lucy Haskett, born Apr. 23, 1883, near Glass, Tn. Died Mar. 5, 1962 at Lubbock, Tx.
- A. Vera Johnnie Stennett, born June 22, 1903, Jacksborough, Tx.
 - B. Jennie Fay Stennett, born June 26, 1905, Jack County, Tn.
 - C. Jessie Dalton Stennett, born July 22, 1907, Jacksborough, Tx.
 - D. Bert Stennett, born Mar. 20, 1909.
 - E. Raymond Cecil (Bill) Stennett, born Aug. 20, 1911, Jacksborough, Tx.
 - F. Lucy Mildred Stennett, born May 30, 1918, Graham, Tx.
 - G. Tena Mae Stennett, born May 31, 1920, Lubbock, Tx.
 - H. George Lester Stennett, born Nov. 22, 1923, Lubbock, Tx.
- V6-A. Vera Johnnie Stennett, born June 22, 1903, died Feb. 9, 1979, buried in Whitaker Cemetery near New Hope, Al. She married on Dec. 23, 1928 at Lubbock, Tx. to Ovid Cecil Whitaker, born Sept. 9, 1908 at New Hope, Al.
- V6A-1. John Robert Whitaker, born Sept. 13, 1929. Married Gwendolyn Nadine Crow, born Aug. 26, 1932.
 - V6A1-A. Dianne Reneau Whitaker, born Apr. 8, 1954, Columbus, Ohio.
 - V6A1-B. Pamela Gay Whitaker, born June 25, 1956, Aberdeen. Married Steven F. Crandall, born Oct. 3, 1956, Portland, Oregon.
 - V6A1-C. Brenda Marie Whitaker, born Jan. 2, 1961, Woodland, Ca.
 - V6A1-D. Judy Lynn Whitaker, born Aug. 14, 1962.
 - V6A-2. Harold Glendon Whitaker, born Sept. 4, 1931, Marshall County, Al. First marriage on Jan. 25, 1953 to Deloris Corbett, born Jan. 1, 1935, Waycross, Ga.
 - V6A2-A. Debra Kaye Whitaker, born Apr. 22, 1954, San Diego, Ca. First married to Robert A. Long.
 - V6A2A-1. Robert A. Long Jr., born July 25, 1970.

Second marriage to Harry Gladden Wood III on Dec. 24, 1980.
 - V6A2A-2. Harry Gladden Wood IV, born Aug. 16, 1982, Nashville, Tn.

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Second marriage on Sept. 20, 1977 to Marjorie Ann Goolsby Cates, born Sept. 6, 1940.
Glendon's stepchildren are:

1. Frankie Lynn Cates, born Mar. 10, 1959, Birmingham, Al. Married Ernie Denton.
2. Glenda Jeanne Cates, born Feb. 24, 1960, Birmingham, Al.
3. Rublen Glen Cates, born Oct. 21, 1962, Birmingham, Al. Married to Angela Brashier.
4. Donna Kaye Cates, born Feb. 10, 1964, Birmingham, Al.
5. Richard Newman Edwards, born Dec. 16, 1971, Birmingham, Al.

V6A-3. Kenneth Milton Whitaker, born July 12, 1933, New Hope, Al. Married Matsue Baba from Japan, born Sept. 9, 1927.

V6A3-A. James Allen Whitaker, born Nov. 4, 1955 in Yokusuka, Japan. Married Cathy Brown on Nov. 3, 1980. Divorced.

V6A3-B. Danny Ray Whitaker, born Sept. 8, 1957, Yokusuka, Japan.

V6A3-C. Robert Edward Whitaker, born Sept. 5, 1958, Pensacola, Fla.

V6A3-D. Jerry Glen Whitaker, born Nov. 1, 1959, Gunterville, Al. Died Nov. 12, 1970.

V6A3-E. Lelani Fay Whitaker, born Aug. 3, 1965, Gunterville, Al.

V6A-4. Cecille Ovida Whitaker, born July 31, 1935. Married Bethel Campbell Jr., born Nov. 26, 1933, Butler Mill, Al.

V6A4-A. Patricia Ann Campbell, born Nov. 25, 1955, Butler Mill, Al. Married Rick Wilson, born Aug. 17, 1947.

V6A4-B. John Patrick Campbell, born Jan. 22, 1966.

V6A-5. Eldora Louise Whitaker, born Jan. 27, 1937, Birmingham, Al. First married to John Alexander Rogers, born Jan. 25, 1932, died Apr. 17, 1958.

Second marriage to Tea Sam Roe, born Oct. 2, 1934, Seoul, Korea.

V6A5-A. (Jeff) Jeffrey Sam Roe, born Aug. 28, 1966, Birmingham, Al.

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V6A5-B. Jimmy Steven Roe, born Mar. 3, 1968,
Birmingham, Al.

V6A-6. Vernon Ray Whitaker, born Mar. 18, 1941,
Marshall County, Al. Married Jewel Cameron,
born Aug. 16, 1943.

V6A6-A. Tammy Denise Whitaker, born Dec. 18,
1960, Guntersville, Al. Married
Willie Ray Mount, born Feb. 4, 1958.

V6A6A-1. Latisha Ranea Mount, born
Nov. 14, 1981.

V6A6-B. Kelly Marie Whitaker, born Mar. 14,
1970, Guntersville, Al.

V6-B. Jennie Fay Stennett, born June 26, 1905, Jack County,
Tx. Married Clayton Anderson Grammell Jr., born
June 25, 1900, died Jan. 29, 1953. No children.

V6-C. Jessie Dalton Stennett, born July 22, 1907. Married
first to Anita Rewen or Wren. She and Jessie Dalton
Stennett had four children.

V6C-1. John Hiarlam (Bunnie) Stennett, born Nov. 17,
_____. Married Nancy Benita Franklin on
Aug. 26, 1953.

V6C1-A. Eric Stennett

V6C1-B. Andrea Stennett

V6C-2. Argie Stennett, born Nov. 7, 1934, Lubbock,
Tx. Married Kenneth A. Reynolds, born
Aug. 4, 1932.

V6C2-A. Terry Reynolds

V6C2-B. Renee Reynolds

V6C-3. Patsy Stennett. Married Frank Wilson

V6C3-A. Gina Wilson

V6C3-B. Kevin Wilson

V6C3-C. Kyle Wilson

V6C-4. Charlie Stennett

Jessie Dalton Stennett married the second time to
Bobby Jean Martin.

V6-D. Burt Stennett, born Mar. 20, 1909, Jacksborrough,
Tx. Died Aug. 13, 1972. Married Irene Short, born
Apr. 18, 1914.

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V6D-1. Gordon Stennett, born Aug. 18, 1937, Lubbock, Tx. Married Mary Elizabeth Smith Feb. 2, 1962.

V6D1-A. Angela Erlene Stennett, born Nov. 10, 1963, Lubbock, Tx. Angela has one child named Matthew.

V6D1-B. Earl Tolliver Stennett, born Mar. 5, 1965.

V6-E. Raymond Cecil (Bill) Stennett, born Aug. 20, 1911, Jacksborough, Tx. Married Bonnie Bell McClory, born Sept. 12, 1914.

V6E-1. Richard Arlen Stennett, born Mar. 4, 1935, Lubbock, Tx.

V6E1-A. Kathy Stennett, born Nov. 10, 1953. Married C. H. Jackson.

V6E1-B. Gary Dan Stennett, born Nov. 30, 1955. Married Betty Lou Curry.

V6E1-C. Cary Lynn Stennett, born June 14, 1959.

V6-F. Lucy Mildred Stennett, born May 30, 1918, Graham, Tx. Married Boles Martin Farris, born Jan. 18, 1917, Lubbock, Tx.

V6F-1. Robert (Bobbie) Orrin Farris, born Sept. 23, 1938. Married Doris Lannell Ferguson, born Sept. 11, 1940, Dallas, Tx.

V6F1-A. Debra Ann Farris, born Apr. 19, 1958, Dallas, Tx. Married Antenar DeFeria, born June 23, 1960 on Sept. 11, 1981 at Dallas, Tx.

V6F1-B. Robert Lynn Farris, born Aug. 27, 1959, Dallas, Tx. Married Julianne Schwartz, born Mar. 17, 1962.

V6F1-C. Carla Sue Farris, born Mar. 27, 1961, Dallas, Tx. Married Jack Sapoznikov, born Mar. 19, 1959, Cuba.

V6F1-D. Tammy Renee Farris, born Oct. 28, 1964, Dallas, Tx. Married Orlando Andres Mon, born Oct. 17, 1956, Cuba.

V6F-2. Priscilla Ann Farris, born Oct. 16, 1942, Lubbock, Tx. Married James Dosier Jr., born Apr. 18, 1940.

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V6-G. Tena Mae Stennett, born May 31, 1920, Lubbock, Tx.
Married Daniel Leroy Cass, born July 31, 1918, Post,
Tx.

V6G-1. Daniel Leroy Cass Jr., born Apr. 11, 1944,
died Nov. 24, 1960.

V6G-2. Tina Cass, born Nov. 5, 1971. (adopted)

V6-H. George Lester Stennett, born Nov. 22, 1923, Lubbock,
Tx. Married Creta Elizabeth Townsend, born Jan. 10,
1925.

V6H-1. Creta Lavon Stennett, born Feb. 5, 1945,
Lubbock, Tx. First married to Wallace Inge,
born Feb 14, 1942.

V6H1-A. Teresa Lynne Inge, born Feb. 29,
1964.

V6H1-B. Michelle Inge, born Aug. 31, 1966.

V6H1-C. Charles Glenn Inge, born Aug, 8,
1969.

Second marriage to Phill Gould, born Nov. 18,
1944, Enid, Oklahoma.

V6H-2. Bobby Gene Stennett, born Jan. 2, 1947,
Lubbock, Tx. First married to Judy Kaye
Simpson.

V6H2-A. Bryan Todd Stennett, born June 24,
1969, Amarillo, Tx.

Second marriage to Cheryl Denise Huntly,
born Jan. 12, 1953, Germany. She had a
daughter by a previous marriage.

V6H2-B. Stepdaughter, Teresa

V6H2-C. Michael Brendon Stennett, born
Oct. 7, 1975, Amarillo, Tx.

V6H-3. Sherry Vern Stennett, born Mar. 9, 1951,
Lubbock, Tx. First marriage to Tommy Graham,
born Nov. 1, 1950, Amarillo, Tx.

V6H3-A. Kelly Marie Graham, legally adopted
by Robert Neal Palmer.

Second marriage to Robert Neal Palmer, born
Sept. 30, 1948, Amarillo, Tx.

V6H3-B. Kristy Leanne Palmer

V6H-4. Deborah Delane Stennett, born Sept. 15, 1952,
Lubbock, Tx. First marriage to Gene Latham,
born Feb. 10, 1945.

V6H4-A. Lloyd Scott Latham, born July 16,
1974, Amarillo, Tx.

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Second marriage to Sammy Lynn Coffman, born
Dec. 30, 1951, Demit, Tx.

V6H4-B. Elizabeth Delane Coffman, born
Feb. 14, 1980, Amarillo, Tx.

V6H-5. Frankie Jonell Stennett, born Mar. 1, 1954,
Lubbock, Tx. First married to Howard O'Neal
Aylor Jr., born May 19, 1943, San Angelo,
Tx. Second marriage to Thomas Ethridge,
born Dec. 30, 1949.

VI. Elizabeth Ann Stennett, born 1831, Davison County, Tennessee.
Married Elisha H. Tyra.

VI-1. Sarah H. Tyra

VI-2. Francis Tyra

VI-3. Virginia Lee Tyra

VI-4. William Dewit Tyra

VI-5. Jessie Benjamin Tyra

VI-6. Elisha Thomas Tyra, called "Pete"

VII. William Welfar (Willoughber in Bible) Stennett, born Oct. 16,
1832 in Tennessee. Married Nancy Y. Miller, born 1839 in
Alabama.

VII-1. George Hickman Stennett, born Jan. 23, 1862, died
Jan. 10, 1929. Married Ella Randolph, born July 26,
1867, died May 5, 1935.

VIII1-A. Dora Stennett

VIII1-B. Mary (Birdy) Stennett

VII-2. William Thomas Stennett, born in 1866, died in 1937.
Married Mattie L. Randolph, born 1873, died in 1952.

VII2-A. Lenard Stennett

VII2-B. Gordon Stennett

VII2-C. Beulah Stennett

VII-3. Elizabeth (Lizzy) Stennett, married Tom Massey.

VII3-A. Allen Massey

VII3-B. Rozy Massey

VII-4. Sarah Stennett, married Tom Sweeney.

VIII. Thomas A. Stennett, born 1836 in Mississippi, died _____.
First married to Nancy A. Green on July 7, 1869. She was
in 1850 and died in 1904. Nancy and Thomas had five children.
Second marriage to Molly Dobbs on July 1, 1887. They had

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children. Third marriage to Lou Simmons. They had no children.

1. Benjamin John Stennett, born May 23, 1870, died Oct. 31, 1939.
2. Vawdry Afle Stennett, born Oct. 31, 1871.
3. George Augustus Stennett, born June 13, 1874.
4. William Elisha Stennett, born July 12, 1876.

VIII-1. Benjamin John Stennett, born May 23, 1870, died Oct. 31, 1939. Married on Nov. 11, 1892 to Mandocia (Dacia) Bolton, born June 7, 1874, died June 3, 1960.

VIII1-A. Thomas Monroe Stennett, born Oct. 25, 1893, died Nov. 1, 1964. Born at Booneville, Prentice County, Miss. First married to Luna Harris, born Dec. 7, 1917, died Sept. 28, 1933.

VIII1A-1. Thomas Leslie Stennett, married Earlene Gable.

VIII1A1-a. Earl Thomas Stennett, born Jan. 8, 1939 at Booneville, Prentice County, Miss. Married Mary Francis Barnes, born Jan. 14, 1939 on May 7, 1960.

VIII1A1a-1. David Earl Stennett, born Sept. 17, 1961, Austell, Ga.

VIII1A1a-2. Randy Thomas Stennett, born July 27, 1965, Powder Springs, Ga.

VIII1A1a-3. Tracy Renee Stennett, born Sept. 11, 1966.

VIII1A1-b. Margie Cleo Stennett, born Aug. 11, 1940, Booneville, Miss. Married Sept. 1962 to Pierce Herman James, born Oct. 2, 1940. Children born in Marietta, Ga.

VIII1A1b-1. Joseph Franklin James, born June 3, 1964.

VIII1A1b-2. Karen Lynn James, born Dec. 9, 1965.

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- VIIII1A1b-3. Jeffrey
Mark James, born
Dec. 18, 1966.
- VIIII1A1b-4. James
Alexander James,
born Oct. 7, 1970.
- VIIII1A1-c. Bobby Luther Stennett,
born Jan. 10, 1942,
Booneville, Miss.
- VIIII1A1-d. Alice Louise
Stennett, born
Oct. 31, 1943,
Booneville, Miss.
Married Nov. 4, 1960
to Terry Eugene
McKenny, born Jan. 30
1941. Children born
Marietta, Ga.
- VIIII1A1d-1. Donna
Kay McKenny, born
Feb. 13, 1963.
- VIIII1A1d-2. Tommy
Jean McKenny, born
Aug. 6, 1965.
- VIIII1A1-e. Carolyn Marie
Stennett, born Dec. 3,
1944, Booneville,
Miss. Married on
Apr. 8, 1963 to
William Edward
Hodge.
- VIIII1A1e-1. William
Fitzgerald Hodge,
born Jan. 19, 1964,
Marietta, Ga.
- VIIII1A1e-2. Stella
Ann Hodge, born
Mar. 23, 1965,
Atlanta, Ga.
- VIIII1A1-f. Judy Nan Stennett,
born June 6, 1949,
Booneville, Miss.
- VIIII1A1-g. Peggy Sue Stennett,
born Dec. 28, 1951,
Douglasville, Ga.
Married James Jerry
Barnes on Aug. 30,
1969.

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VIIIIAlg-1. Dora
Lamar Barnes, born
Aug. 4, 1971, Estell,
Cob County, Ga
VIIIIAlg-2. Pearl
Ann Barnes, born
Nov. 11, 1974, Estell,
Cob County, Ga
VIIIIAlg-3. TERRY
Allen Barnes, born
July 18, 1978.

VIIIIA-2. William Arthur Stennett, born Apr. 1
1921, Booneville, Miss. Married Sara
Pauline Walden on Mar. 7, 1942.
Thomas Monroe Stennett married the second time to Ora
Sercy.
VIIIIA-3. Rebel Ann Stennett.
VIIIIA-4. Maydene Stennett.

VIIII-B. Nancy Pearl Stennett, born Aug. 24, 1875,
Booneville, Mississippi. She never married.
- Died Mar. 2, 1964

VIIII-C. Robert Lee Stennett, born July 28, 1897.
First married Fannie Odell May on Sept. 23,
1922. Fannie Odell May was born Aug. 31,
1902, died Mar. 22, 1962. She was the mother
of his two children.

VIIIIc-1. Johnnie Lee Stennett, born Sept. 22,
1923. Never married. Was injured
during birth and developed epilepsy;
died of pneumonia in June 1962.

VIIIIc-2. Dorothea Marie Stennett, born May 21,
1925. Married (Rich) Richard Girard
Van Gheluwe, born Sept. 18, 1924.

Back in 1938, the Robert Lee Stennett family
lived near Paradise, Tx. There was an explosion
in the New London School where about 495
children attended; 395 were killed. As a result
of this accident, an odor was put into natural
gas.

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Dorothea Marie Stennett was survivor of the explosion at New London School in Paradise, Tx. in 1938, so it is believed she was born in Paradise, Tx.

VIII1C2-A. Judith Kathleen Van Gheluwe, born Aug. 18, 1947.

VIII1C2-B. Dennis Paul Van Gheluwe, born Mar. 24, 1950.
Married Donna Marie Elvert, born June 27, 1949.

VIII1C2B-1. Kristen Danielle Van Gheluwe, born Apr. 26, 1979.

VIII1C2B-2. Brett Lee Van Gheluwe, born Apr. 29 1983.

VIII1C2-C. Betty Louise Van Gheluwe, born Sept. 1, 1953.
Married Kim Monnier.

VIII1C2-D. Nancy Marie Van Gheluwe, born Sept. 30, 1960.

Robert Lee Stennett's second marriage was to Niva Sims. There were no children by this marriage, but Niva had a daughter by a previous marriage - Jo Nell Sims Wiggins.

VIII1-D. Vadry Austin Stennett, born Nov. 17, 1899, died Aug. 26, 1965. Married Willodene Bullard.

VIII1D-1. Emmogene Elizabeth Stennett

VIII1D-2. James Austin Stennett

VIII1-E. Lela Elizabeth Stennett, born July 26, 1902, died Jan. 1, 1973. Never married.

VIII1-F. Jack Green Stennett, born Jan. 26, 1905, died Dec. 1970. Married Janice Jones.

VIII1F-1. Betty Joan Stennett

VIII1-G. Emma Mae Stennett, born Apr. 9, 1907, died July 20, 1980. Never married.

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VIII-2. Vawdry Afle Stennett, born Oct. 31, 1871, died
Nov. 19, 1935. Married Pearl Pierce.

VIII2-A. Thelma Stennett (male). Married_____.

VIII2A-1. Ann Stennett

VIII2A-2. Barbara Stennett

VIII2A-3. Nancy Stennett

VIII2A-4. Susan Stennett

VIII2-B. Troy Stennett. Married Rachel_____.

VIII2B-1. Donald Stennett

VIII2B-2. Davis Stennett

IX. Mary Jane Stennett, born Feb. 5, 1837, Kemp County, Tenn.
Married Toby Kizer.

IX-1. Gus Kizer

IX-2. Tom Kizer

IX-3. Sallie Kizer

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ERRATA SHEET

A few errors seem to creep in even though this book was proof read.
Most of the errors are typographical and obvious to the reader.
The most important ones found are included herein.

- Page 7- Verse V, line 2, change fix to six.
Page 17- line 18, change land to lard.
Page 24- Footnote 2, change Henry County to
Amherst County. This is corrected on page 26.
Page 63- William's Muster Roll is on page 65 not 64.
Page 89- Janie Vaughn was born March 31, 1883 not 1833.
Page 96- Neva Grace married Earl C. Vogel November 9,
1946. She married Caley Booker Laseter
October 3, 1953.

I SUGGEST THAT YOU MAKE THESE CHANGES ON YOUR BOOK.

Frank

The Author

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Stemper, John B.

5-3 John B. Stemper, 1918

The death of Mr. John B. Stemper, a former resident of this city, occurred rather suddenly in New Orleans last Friday. He had had a spell of pneumonia, was getting better, and was thought out of danger, but had a relapse and died about night. His wife had been in the Women's Dispensary but fearing that she had tuberculosis the authorities transferred her to the Charity Hospital without consulting her family, and it is thought the shock caused by this action brought about Mr. Stemper's death. He took sick while at the bedside of his wife and died shortly afterward.

The body was brought here for interment Saturday and buried in Pascagoula Cemetery that afternoon, the funeral being from the residence of his father, Mr. G. A. Stemper, in Krebs avenue, conducted by Rev. John Chipman, Rector of St. John's church.

Mr. Stemper was a native of New Orleans, but had lived a number of years in this city, at one time being a telegraph operator, but for the past ten years he held a position with the United Fruit Company. He was 44 years old, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stemper, of this city. He leaves a widow and three children, two girls and a boy, and two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Henry, of Houltonville, La., and Miss Rose Stemper, of this city.

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i would like to know the history and background info on the shemper scrapyard that was in pascagoula around, i think, 1940's. could you if you can, give me dates it operated or any pictures that you have. it would be very appreciated. thank you.

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Cemeteries of Jackson County, Mississippi

Lot 9, Original Owner - R. M. Grant

Grant, Richard M. 1860 - 1918
Grant, Eliza Landridge 1859 - 1928
Crane, Delores Evans Mar 13, 1930 unmarked (may be)
Crane, Stella Grant Infant d Apr 3, 1930 (may be)
Penton, Philip C. 1942 - 1946
Penton, Robert O. 1916 - 1946

Lot 10, Original Owner - E. Forest Grant

Grant, Edward Forest, 1882 - 1948
Grant, Philippine Cole, 1890 - 1978
Grant, Richard Stephen Jr., 1937 - 1946
Grant, Sara Octavia 1933 - 1946
Cole, Octavia Grant 1857 - 1925
Ezell, Eran Grant 1908 - 1935 w/o Vertie L. Ezell
Grant, Harold Oliver 1911 - 1918

Lot 11, Original Owner - M. L. Valverde

No visible grave, but buried here may be:
Valverde, M. L. Sep 7, 1857-May 24, 1923,

Lot 12, Original Owner - Mrs. Lisle/Lyle

Evans, Lawson E. 1871 - 1946
Evans, Mary Lyle 1881 - 1941

Lot 13, Single Graves

Seals, Baby of Robert d Nov 1917 unmarked (may be)
Dubose, C. E. Unmarked, may be
Unmarked, A. D. ____
Waters, Paul Lawrence Feb 14, 1917 - Jun 19, 1917
Powell, Evan Lee infant, Feb 10, 1922 - Dec 22, 1922*
Powell, Alberta Oct 3, 1925 - Feb 23, 1924*
*Information provided by Linda Howell
Olson, infant d Jul 2, 1921, per Lutheran Church records
Son of Walter & Lenora Bradley Olson, unmarked

ROW 2, East to West

Lot 14, Single Graves

Cochran, Opal Ruth died Jan 1932, age 14
Daughter of Mrs. Irene Cochran Bobec; obit 1-15-1932
Peter, Frank infant died Oct 25, 1918, age 7 hrs
Unknown
Hudson Baby
Morgan, Baby, may be Clyde Herman died 1925/1926
Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Morgan
Info: Marie Morgan Loper- Blackwell Undertaker

Lot 15, Original Owner - G. A. Stemper

Stemper, John B. 1874 - 1918
Stemper, G. A. 1844 - 1926
Stemper, Mary Thorn 1849 - 1934
Stemper, Rose May 1872 - 1968

Lot 16, Original Owner - C. T. Martin

Martin, William H Sr Dec 11, 1913-Jan 16, 1977
Cpl US Army WW II
Martin, Roy Abraham Feb 24, 1922 - Jan 4, 1984
US Navy WW II
Martin, Annie H. Feb 16, 1920 Jul 28, 1965
Martin, Lettia Reeder 1881 - Aug 31, 1947
Martin, Charles T. Aug 5, 1876 - Apr 16, 1946
Martin, Hattie Catherine Jul 25, 1924 - Jul 3, 1985
Martin, Catherine A., no dates
Martin, Letecia d Nov 11, 1917, unmarked, may be
9th child of Charles & Letecia R. Martin

Lot 17, Original Owner - Emery Tillman

Tillman, Charles Emery Mar 22, 1887-Aug 2, 1962
Tillman, Alice F. Jul 12, 1894 - Aug 4, 1974
Tillman, Mary Celestine Oct 9, 1933 - Apr 5, 1934
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Emery Tillman
Tillman, Lucy C. Jan 7, 1917 Apr 17, 1918
Tillman, Frank C. Feb 8, 1920 - Mar 28, 1920
Robinson, Vivian Tillman Jun 7, 1926-Aug 27, 1985

Lot 18, Original Owner - J. D. Clark

Clark, Jeff D. Jul 27, 1861 - Jan 7, 1947
Clark, Cora L. 1867 - 1962
Clark, Edwin Lee Mar 10, 1892 - Feb 19, 1918
Born Pascagoula, MS, died Woodstock, VA

Lot 19, Original Owner - Albert Harris

Harris, W. A. Dec 2, 1874 - Dec 25, 1940
Harris, F. B. Sep 9, 1920 - Nov 4, 1941
Harris, Rebecca unmarked, May 3, 1881-May 1921
Two unmarked graves, per Requiem, 1969

Lot 20, Lot 21, Lot 22, Lot 23

Lot 24, Owner Kihyet, S 15 feet to W. A. Daggett

Daggett, Ellen Nastisia, Sep 16, 1917-Aug 16, 1998
Daggett, William A. Nov 12, 1883-Dec 18, 1963
Daggett, Frocine Elmer Nov 27, 1896-Jul 10, 1958
Daggett, Adeline Lydia, Jul 9, 1920-Apr 1, 1998
Daggett Child, Unmarked, per family
Kihyet Infant, Unmarked, per family

Lot 25, Original Lot Owner - Alex Ladnier

Ladnier, C. W., May 14, 1876 - Jul 12, 1950
Ladnier, Sarah Trebern 1855 - 1914
Ladnier, Alexander Alphonse 1850 - 1926
Ladnier, Minnie Lee Aug 29, 1881 - Dec 8, 1960
Kihyet, Meleta Ladnier Mar 15, 1909 - Jul 20, 1985
Ladnier, Violet Louise Sep 29, 1912-Feb 21, 1997
Roper, Justin W. "Jett" Feb 19, 1913-May 4, 1974
Roper, Bernice Ladnier Oct 3, 1914-Jun 28, 1991